Fear that diplomats may become hostages as Kuwait embassies plan to defy order to close

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America calls up 40,000 army reserves

By Martin Fletcher in Washington and Andrew McEwen in London

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday authorised the call-up of an estimated 40,000 reservists as tension inстеаsed over Iraq's deadline of tomorrow for the closing of all embassies in

The call-up marked the first mobilisation of reserves for military service since North Vietnam's Tet offensive in 1968. Mr Bush did not put a figure

on the call-up but Pentagon officials said they expected about 40,000 reservists to returned to active duty by the end of the month. The president has the authority to activate up to 200,000 men for 90 days without further authority from Congress and can extend that for another 90

lraq's order to close the embassies in Kuwait has provoked anger and apprehension, but many countries have rejected it, giving rise to fears of diplomats being taken hostage in all but name.

Baghdad repeated its warning that those diplomats who remained in Kuwait would be treated as ordinary citizens, which might mean that they could be sent to military establishments or factories to be used as human shields. This would probably not provoke a Western military response, but would make the prospects for a diplomatic solution even slighter.

Michael Weston, the British

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Trade gap worsening

tions, increasing the current account deficit from £1.26 billion to £1.39 billion.

Analysis had forecast a fall because of the slow-down in the economy and a stronger pound cutting the price of imports. But though imports were 2% lower than June.

Warming dispute

Claims that sea levels will rise and flood low-lying land because of global warming were not supported by evidence. The southern part of the Greenland ice sheet is thickening at the rate of 20cm a year, the British Association was told yesterday...... Page 5

Credit action ::

Legal proceedings are to be brought against the four main credit reference agencies by the Data Protection Registrar for their failure to stop passing information to lenders about individuals who are not seek-

Township toll

After the collapse of peace in South Africa yesterday. Rival factions shot, stabbed or burnt to death at least 37

Degree courses

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staffs. Britain, which had 21 diplomats at the time of the invasion, was down to eight yesterday. Their number will be reduced to four by tomorrow. The others will move to the British embassy in Baghdad. America intends to evacuate all but a few of its 120 diplomats. Most European Community countries and

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some East European, Nordic and Asian nations are also refusing to close their em-

Departing from a previous reluctance to use the word hostage", Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, yesterday told the BBC: "So long as we have citizens held (in Kuwait) as hostages, we must do our utmost to keep our own folk there ... someone in touch

Mr Hurd has discouraged speculation that Britain might retaliate by taking steps against Iraqi diplomats in London. A Whitehall source

closed, by force fraq might enter them and search for lists addresses, another Whitehall the BBC. source said: "You can take it

have been taken." Closure of the embassies would make it more difficult for Britain and America to keep track of how many of their nationals have been rounded up. The Foreign Office put the number of Britons so far taken away at 137, of which 76 were being held in accommodation attached to civilian establishments, such as factories, and 21 at military bases. The whereabouts of the

others is unknown. Margaret Thatcher yesterday described the reported round-up of ten Britons from their homes on Tuesday as scandalous. Tom King, the

King Husain of Jordan appeals to West and Arab

Israeli defence experts

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appeals to West and Their leaders "to come to their

defence secretary, said Iraq could not influence Britain's actions by taking hostages.

The Iraqi News Agency said some French and Japanese nationals would be freed as a goodwill gesture. There are an estimated 560 French citizens and 508 Japanese in Kuwait and Iraq. It is unclear how many will be allowed to leave.

There was confusion yesterday after an Iraqi official in Kuwait told an Italian diplomat that citizens of some EC countries would be allowed to leave. Britain was not among them. Whitehall sources said last night that a senior Iraqi official at the foreign ministry in Baghdad had denied that there was any change.

Saudi Arabía said it would start accepting new recruits for its armed forces from Saturday. King Fahd ordered the opening of recruiting and training centres throughout the country, according to the

Saudi Press Agency.
Virginio Rognoni, Italy's defence minister, confirmed that Rome would send two frigates and a supply ship to the Gulf. The vessels were among five Italian ships deployed in the eastern Mediterranean in the past week.

King Husain of Jordan said he would visit Iraq and other Arab countries to try to avert war. "We are almost facing the kind of crisis of a world gone mad," he said. His tour is likely to start today.

Mr Hurd continued to dis-

courage a view that conflict is ant to use force, we want the UN Security Council's resoleconomic sanctions to bring of foreign nationals and their an end to aggression," he told

Neil Kinnock, the Labour minister's handling of the situation and said Labour, had it been in power, would have taken similar decisions.

Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed, foreign minister of Kuwait, said in Peking that Chinese leaders had assured him that China would not veto a proposed UN resolution that would allow countries with naval forces in the Gulf to enforce trade sanctions, using minimum force.

China and the other four permanent members of the Security Council held further talks in New York, but again failed to pass such a re-

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10 Britons at gunpoint "scandalous"

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Minister may quit in Paris

From Alan Tillier in Paris

MICHEL Rocard, the French Canard Enchaîné of a list prime minister, yesterday Jean-Pierre Chevenement, 48 hours to retract or resign over remarks proposing a soft line education minister at the towards Saddam' Hussein at a time, but failed to get governtime when President Mitterhas placed France squarely in the Anglo-Ameri- an extreme right-wing, anti-

M Chevenement told feared an American attack against Iraq "in a few days" with perhaps the loss of tens of thousands of lives, before United Nations-led negotiations "could lead the Iraqis to evacuate Kuwait without losing face".

Those statements were embarrassing for M Mitterrand with his new commitment of French ground forces in the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, in addition to the seven-ship French fleet now in place off Djibouti.

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showing that he was a founder-member of the Franco-Iraqi friendship club in 1985. M Chevenement was ment clearance join the club. Another founding member is

semitic journalist. The left-wing daily Liberahad made clear his opposition at emergency talks called by M Mitterrand on Tuesday after Iraq added 33 French citizens to the Western hostages it is holding. At one point, the paper reported, the president asked the minister: "Do you agree with French policy or not?"

M Chevenement is a controversial figure, starting on the far left of the French socialist party before becoming a gung-ho desence minister, who recently opposed Perhaps more damaging for M cuts in Western defence bud-Chevenement was the gets. His remarks were tainted publication yesterday by the with Gaullist-style opposition investigative newspaper Le to US-led military force.

Dan-Air to close its London HQ

By OUR AIR CORRESPONDENT DAN-AIR, the troubled charter airline, is to close its London headquarters and move near Gatwick as part of a drive to cut costs.

The airline, the second largest charter operator in Britain with a fleet of 51 aircraft, has been badly affected by the decline in the charter market and spiralling fuel costs. It is cutting the numbers of aircraft in an effort to beat the squeeze on profits affecting the whole

Airtours, one of Dan-Air's main customers, has announced it is to set up its own airline next summer.

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Shambles and tears as stores reopen

By Lin JENKINS

AS THE three-seater sofa was cased through the coor into a waiting van howls of protest went up from the small crowd outside Queensway's largest

"How can he have that?" Pearl Windom shouted on the verge of tears. "We've aiready paid for the things in there. Mrs Windom, a night nurse, was one of many who stood for hours outside the store in Angel Road, Edmonton, north London, in the hope of receiving the goods they had paid for just before the Lowndes Queensway collapse. Having

parted with £614 from her

savings for a teak unit, Mrs

Windom was in no mood to see staff still selling for cash.
"I've been told that if there is a unit here like the one I ordered I can pay cash for the full sum and take it away and then try and claim from their insurers for the money l originally paid out. That means they want me to pay twice - do I really look that silly?" she said before returning to her home at Angel,

Lorna Smith watched in dismay as the two-seater sofa she thought she had paid for went to another cash customer Continued on page 18, coi 3

north London.

Customers' claims, page 19



Treasure hunter strikes gold in Wiltshire field

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WORLD ...

President Bush authorises call-up of

thousands of military reserves for active duty to bolster American forces defending Saudi Arabia. At the UN the flw permanent members of the Security Council agree force should be used if

By SIMON TAIT ARTS CORRESPONDENT

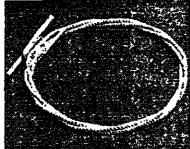
A 14-INCH ring of twisted gold wire found by a treasure hunter in a Wiltshire field last week could be one of the most significant Bronze Age finds, archaeologists believe. Dennis Chaddock, aged 53, from Trowbridge, who was using a metal detector, found the piece 12in deep in open downland near Warminster.

Clare Conybeare, of the Salisbury Museum, the only expert to have seen the piece so far, has identified the find as a torc, a necklace the quality of which suggests it would have been worn by a late Bronze Age chieflain. "It is very important, particularly to Wiltshire but also nationally," she

said. "It is in extraordinarily fine

condition, and a splendid ornament

which would have been worn by



The torc: "in fine condition" someone of considerable status. Wiltshire is rich in archaeology, but we have never found a complete torc before.

The gold might have come from Ireland or Wales, and an axe found near by dates the torc to between 1,100 1,000BC. Nick Merriman, the

Museum of London's curator of prehistoric antiquities, said: "It is a very rare find. There have been Iron Age torcs of around 600BC found from time to time, mostly in East Anglia, but nothing like this in recent years. The owner would have been a near contemporary of Tutankhamun, and perhaps in his society as important, but so little is known of the period in Britain. There are no burial mounds from that time, but this may have been a votive offering to a god or buried as part of a funeral ceremony, or it might have been stored."

Auction houses were reluctant to give a valuation without having seen the object, but Fiona Quinn, the antiquities expert for Phillips, said that estimates of £5 million being mentioned seemed absurdly high. "The difficulty is that finds of this sort are rare and even rarer on the market." A more realistic valuation is

likely to be about £100,000. The torc will now be the subject of a coroner's inquest to determine if it was stored with the intention to recover it, or if it was lost. If it was stored to be recovered later it is measure trove and belongs to the Crown, with the finder being compensated; otherwise it could be returned to the finder or owner of the land, who is remaining anonymous.

Mr Chaddock, speaking at Salisbury police station where the torc is being held in safekeeping before being taken to the British Museum for examination, said that he was elated. "It's a great joy to find such a thing but it belongs to the British heritage. If it was returned to him, he said, he would give it to the British Museum.

26 are injured in fourth rail crash

By RONALD FAUX

injuring 26 people in the dimension of cost-cutting fourth serious accident on the priorities in British Rail". British Rail network in only four weeks.

BR launched an immediate inquiry into how the 9.36 InterCity service from Manchester Piccadilly to Sheffield and a local two-coach diesel service between Rosehill and Manchester Piccadilly collided 200 yards from Hyde North station near Manchester. The accident happened on

a single-track section controlled by signals. The injured were taken to Tameside general hospital at Ashton-under-Lyne. One person was treated for a back express at Stafford station on injury, two suffered fractures and the remainder were treated for cuts and bruises.

An elderly woman was detained overnight. The drivers of both trains escaped injury. Labour's transport spokes-

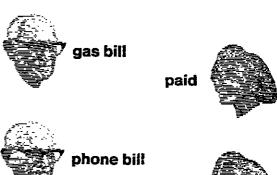
TWO trains collided head-on man, John Prescott, said that near Manchester yesterday the accident "eil-phasised the

> A BR spokesman said: "Judging by the light damage, both drivers must have taken action to stop their trains, and by the look of it, almost made

An internal inquiry will be held by BR on Monday. Its findings will be passed to government investigators.

The spate of accidents this month has fuelled concern over BR's safety record. A train driver died and 20 people were injured when an empty four-carriage train ran into the back of an InterCity

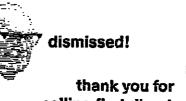
Three days earlier, a packed commuter train on the wrong line at Reading, Berkshire, ploughed into another train injuring 29 people. On July Continued on page 18, col 6













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THE INVASION OF KUWAIT: INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE

WASHINGTON

Bush calls up reservists for the first time since Vietnam

poses since the 1968 Tet Department said. offensive in Vietnam.

numbers, but Pentagon ofinitial call-up of about 40,000 month. Most would serve in the US and would be specialists in activities ranging from medicine to cargo handling.

The administration also announced that it would defy an Iragi order to close its embassy in Kuwait by tomorrow. The State Department said it would seek to evacuate all but the most essential of its 120 diplomats, but joined Britain and a number of other countries in declaring that it had rejected an order which was based on the "false" premise that Kuwait was a part of Iraq.

Iraq warned on Monday that diplomats remaining in Kuwait after tomorrow would lose their diplomatic immunity. The US has refused to speculate on the action it might take were Baghdad to round up Nathaniel Howell, the ambassador, and his colleagues, but such action would provoke a furious reaction.

It remains to be seen whether Iraq will allow the non-essential US diplomats and their dependents to leave

PRESIDENT Bush ordered Kuwait. There are 2,500 the call-up of tens of thou- Americans in Kuwait and the sands of reservists to support embassy would remain open the US military deployment in in accordance with "our the Gulf, the first such obligations to the American mobilisation for military pur-private community", the State

Mr Bush has the authority Mr Bush did not specify to mobilise up to 200,000 of the 1.6 million reserves for 180 days without congressional approval, but Marlin reservists by the end of the Fitzwater, his spokesman, said he did not anticipate that the call-up would approach that level. It could, however, exceed the 100,000 summoned by President Kennedy during the 1961 Berlin crisis.

Like President Johnson during the Vietnam war, Mr Bush was apparently reluctant to take a step which, by plucking individuals from civilian life, risks unnerving the public, fomenting opposition to military intervention, and disrupting local economies. It will also add hugely to the costs of Operation Desert

For the present, domestic support for Mr Bush's handling of the confrontation and his dispatch of US forces to the Middle East remains overwhelming, with a New York Times poll yesterday giving Mr Bush the highest ratings of any president since Kennedy outfaced the Russians during the 1962 Cuban



Action stations: Able Seamen Fez Parker and Wiggy Bennett going through gun drill on board HMS Battleaxe, patrolling in the central Gulf in temper

Security Council divided over UN role

From James Bone in New York

THE five permanent members of the Security Council are agreed that force should be used if necessary to enforce sanctions against Iraq, but remained divided when they met yesterday about precisely how the United Nations should oversee naval action against Iraqi shipping.

"Everyone agrees that when and if the time comes, force should be used," a Western diplomat said. "On the principle there is no disagreement. Where there is, it is on the procedures and the timing."

On the table in yesterday's private meeting of the five -

United States and the Soviet Union - was the American draft proposal circulated to all 15 Security Council members on Monday night.
The text calls on states

deploying maritime forces to the Gulf "to use such minimum force as may be necessary under the authority of the Security Council", to enforce the UN embargo on Iraq and occupied Kuwait.

The problematic passage deals with the precise role of the United Nations, dip-lomatic sources said. Paragraph four of the draft requests the states concerned to co-ordinate their actions in

as appropriate the mechanisms of the Military Staff resolution to win concessions Committee". The Military Staff Committee is a dormant sub-committee of the Security Council, consisting of the chiefs of staff of the five

The Soviet Union, which proposed a UN naval operation in the Gulf in the first place, has been seeking a large role for the sub-committee, which it chairs this month. But the Western powers, Britain, France and the United States, reluctant to put

to delay adoption of the involvement, the dispute does pro-Iraqi and Dr al-Eryany as not appear to jeopardise the

None of the five is pressing for a full UN force under Article 42 of the UN Charter, which allows the Security Council to order military action to enforce sanctions imposed under Article 41. Some halfway house is being sought, described by diplomats as

ing tension in the Gulf.

Prince Bandar, the Saudi

States, arrived in Moscow

cult talks with Soviet min-

isters. The two visits are part

of an intensive round of

diplomacy taking place in the

Soviet capital. In the past 24

hours, Soviet officials have

also received the Egyptian and

The American ambassador

was given a letter from Mr

Shevardnadze for his Ameri-

can counterpart, James Baker,

the Secretary of State. The contents of the letter have not

Before he left Moscow, Mr

Hammadi was told by Nikolai

Ryzhkov, the Soviet prime

minister, that the Soviet

Union intended to fulfil its

obligations under United Na-

tions Security Council resolu-

tions. He said all foreigners in

Iraq and Kuwait should be

Moscow yesterday denied it

was failing to carry out the Security Council resolution

imposing sanctions on Iraq and defended itself against the

charge that it was delaying a

decision to back sanctions

A foreign ministry spokes-

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American ambassadors.

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ambassador to the United Soviet Union".

in the conflict, according to who described Mr al-Attas as pro-Egyptian.

In one sign of differences between the two, a senior Yemeni official confirmed yesterday that the Ain Zalah, an Iraqi tanker docked at Aden, had been ordered to stop unloading oil five hours after it docked at the Red Sea port on Tuesday morning.

The official said the ship had unloaded only "a small part of the shipment" of Iraqi crude, in what oil industry Ali Abdullah Saleh, Yemen's sources described at the time president and Abdul Karim al- as the first breach of UN

out specific measures to

On the use of force, he said

Colonel Valentin Ogurtsov

Soviet military specialist

disclosed that arms shipments

ever, he said Soviet military

specialists in Iraq were still

performing their duties, but

no more would be sent. He

denied that their presence

Tass later reported that

Prince Bandar had brought

with him a letter for President

Gorbachev from King Fahd.

Prince Bandar said he had

been pleased with his talks

with Mr Shevardnadze, which

he described as "serious and

better understanding between Saudi Arabia and the Soviet

Union and expressed appreciation for the Soviet

position at the UN. He was

quoted as saying that the

Soviet Union "could play a big role in convincing Presi-

dent Saddam Hussein one

way or another that he acted

wrongly and should return everything to its rightful

He said that there was now a

breached sanctions.

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Saudi envoy holds

talks with Moscow

From Mary Dejevsky in moscow

EDUARD Shevardnadze, the issued by Mr Ryzhkov,

Soviet foreign minister, yes- instructing Soviet ministries

terday held talks with Prince and other institutions to com-

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special envoy, on the mount- the UN resolution "and work

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Saadoum Hammadi, the Iraqi was based on "the necessity to special envoy who had held avoid hasty action and show

Peking 'will not veto' use of force

IN PEKING
KUWAIT'S foreign minister assured him that Peking would not veto a proposed UN resolution allowing enforcement of an embarro against Iraq.

Sheikh Sabah al-Sabah said in Peking yesterday: "If China does not vote for the resolution, it will not vote against it

He was speaking after a morning of talks with Li Peng, the prime minister, and Qian Qichen, the foreign minister.

China is a permanent member of the UN Security Council. Until now other Security Council members have been unsure what Peking's reaction to the proposal would be. China has opposed Western military intervention in the Guif, and has repeatedly spoken out against what it sees as American interference in the affairs of other countries.

The sheikh said he was satisfied with Chinese support for the UN sanctions. "I think that the position of the Chinese government is that it will abide by the UN resolution," he said.

During the Iran-Iraq war China was one of the biggest sides. Often its weapons went through third countries, and China never admitted publicly

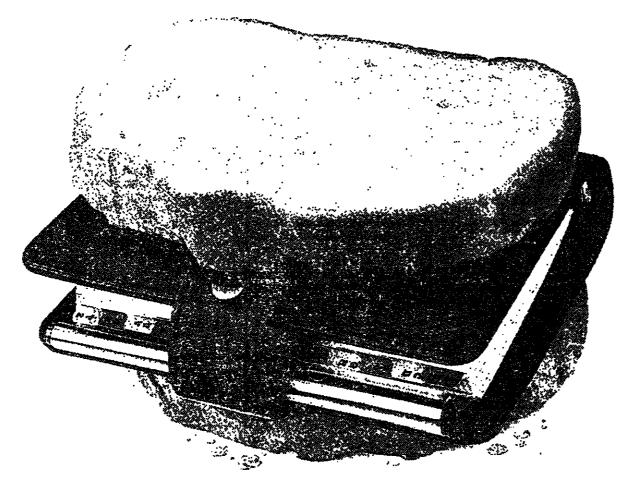
that it was supplying Iraq. to Iraq had been stopped in The sheikh also expresse transit and turned back after gratitude for China's support the invasion of Kuwait, Howof the UN resolution. He will visit Iran and the Soviet Union next to try to secure

military support. A subject close to the Chinese leadership's heart but probably far from that of the Kowaiti leadership is the Asian Games, due to start here on September 22. Many Middle East countries are scheduled to participate, but a pali has been cast over the event by

developments in the Gulf. Iraq bas already said it would still attend but Sheikh Sabah al-Sabah said Kuwait would not agree to a joint Iraq-Kuwait team. He did not say whether Kuwait would boycott the event.

The sheikh said that his brother, head of the Asian Olympic Committee, had been discussing finance for the Asian Games with China but had died defending the emir's palace. He said the financial agreement his brother had established would stand.

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Troop costs will add to soaring deficit say US budget officials

proval ratings for his handling of the Gulf confrontation, President Bush faces some dismal news. The cost of sending troops to the Middle East seems likely to swell the United States' budget deficit

to its largest figure yet.
In the wake of the deployment of tens of thousands of American troops to the region, the budget offices of the White House and Congress have produced one of the earliest reassessments of the sum that has dogged Mr Bush's presidency in recent months. The administration can expect the federal deficit to rise during the coming fiscal year by about \$1 billion (£520 million) to \$232.3 billion, according to financial experts in

The preliminary calculation indicates only a small rise, but government officials predict the final tally will certainly be far larger, possibly adding tens of billions of dollars once the jump in defence spending and expected deceleration of the pace of economic growth are down earlier this summer of ginally fr taken into consideration. Esti-bipartisan deficit-cutting per cent.

AMID the high public apmates of the potential size of talks. Twice in little more than the budget shortfall have now reached \$250 billion to \$300 billion. The biggest federal budget deficit in recent history was \$221.2 billion in 1986.

Without adjusting for the likely effect on the American conomy of events in the Middle East, the White House revised its estimate of the 1991 deficit, including the bill for bailing out the nation's failed savings and loan institu-tions. Without a large part of these costs, which have soared since the government launched its bail-out scheme more than a year ago, administration financial experts estimate that the deficit will \$149.4 billion

President Bush, anxious to avoid the introduction of the automatic across-the-board spending cuts required by law if he and Congress fail to agree on a way to trim the budget deficit to \$64 billion by October 1, has in recent weeks launched stern attacks against the Democrats in an attempt to blame them for the break-

a week he has interrupted his holiday at his family home in New England to return to Washington for meetings about the budget with his

senior economic advisers. The prospect of the Middle East conflict significantly worsening the budget shortfall could reduce the strong support among Americans for Mr Bush's handling of Irac's invasion of Kuwait

Although an overwhelming 72 per cent of citizens continue to support his actions. a national opinion poll published yesterday by The Wall Street Journal showed that a surprising number of Amencans over the past month have started to believe that their country will suffer a recession

in the coming year. According to the survey, 57 per cent now think there will be a recession, compared with 49 per cent before developments in the Middle East began. The number who do not believe a recession is imminent wavered only marginally from 25 per cent to 26

From Richard Owen in Jerusalem.

TOMORROW Marion, a middle-aged Israeli and mother of two, will dress in black and stand with other left-wing, pro-peace women of Jerusalem on a square near the prime minister's residence. Since the Palestinian uprising or intifada began nearly three years ago, the women in black" of the group Peace Now have been the symbol of Israel's conscience, persistently opposing Israel's occupation of the West Bank, silently holding placards demanding peace talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, and braving taunts and stares.

But yesterday Marion and many like her were in a state of uncertainty, even anguish. The Israeli peace camp's assumption that Israel should pave the way for independent Palestine as its neighbour by talking to the PLO is in latters. The PLO and almost all rankand-file Palestinians continue to express fervent support for Saddam Hussein three weeks after Baghdad's invasion of

The women in black are increasingly confronted, even outnumbered, by rightwing activists dressed in white who brand Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, a murderer in the Saddam mould. They call on Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, to annex the West Bank and expel its Arab inhabitants into an increasingly unstable Jordan.

A member of Israel's right-wing government, Rahamim Zeevi of the farright Moledet party, this week suggested Israel should imitate President Saddam's tactic of using foreigners as "human shields" and round up Palestinian Arabs, placing them at key installations to deter an Iraqi missile or chemical weapons

Between them, President Saddam and Mr Arafat have dealt a devastating blow to the Israeli left and strengthened the already buoyant right wing. Even after the formation of the exclusively rightwing Shamir government earlier this

mobilise thousands in favour of an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue. In the new climate, created almost overnight, this would be unthinkable.

This week, Peace Now published an open letter to the pro-PLO Palestinian leadership in the occupied territories, expressing "disappointment at enthusiastic Palestinian support for Saddam Hussein". Palestinians were naturally frustrated, the letter said, by the paralysis of the peace process, the rise of the right in Israel and the end of the dialogue between the United States and the PLO. But, it said, "support for Saddam Hussein is support for the resolution of disputes between nations by force... The path of Saddam Hussein is the path of violence, threats and war".

For Israeli right-wingers, the Gulf confrontation has simply revealed the PLO's true colours. But the left faces the collapse of years of well-meant effort, at risk of imprisonment, to reach out to Mr Arafat. Now, in the face of an imminent are closing ranks to defend the very survival of the Jewish state.

Almost everyone in Israel seems to assume that a US-leag war will break out within the next two to three weeks, if not earlier, and that Israel will be dragged into it. From Tel Aviv beach cases to the religious quarters of Jerusalem, the talk is of gas masks: how to obtain them, and when and where the authorities should issue them.

The prospect of war comes as no surprise to a nation which feels constantly that its existence is at stake. But there is mounting nervous tension, and resentment of Arab neighbours who have persuaded themselves that President Saddam is a "liberator". Even some Israeli "peaceniks" find it hypocritical that the same Palestinians who march with pictures of President Saddam, urging the Iraqi leader to "liberate Palestine", want an assurance that Israeli civil defence will issue gas masks to Palestinians as well as Israelis. "You

cope with the poisonous fumes generated by the Palestinian stand on Iraq," said Yossi Sarid, a normally pro-Palestinian left-wing MP from the Citizens' Rights Movement.

At the weekend Abba Eban, one of the Labour party's leading doves and a former foreign minister, decided with other Labour figures to suspend all contacts with Faisal Husseini and other pro-PLO leaders in east Jerusalem until they clearly condemned President Saddam. Some dissenting voices in the peace camp point out that "when all this is over", the Palestinian question will remain, and so in all probability will the

Mr Husseini, for his part, tried to explain to Israelis that the frenzied marchers in West Bank towns were not so much pro-Saddam as anti-American. America, he said, had failed the Palestinians, and President Saddam's attempt to link Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait to Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank

had given hope to a people that had nothing to lose. Other Palestinian leaders say the PLO does not condone the acquisition of territory by force but point out that the United States has failed to oust Israel from the West Bank for the past 23 years "because here no oil supplies are at stake".

The bitterness and despair in such Palesunian comments is unmistakable. But yesterday the response of many Israelis was robust. "This proves that a Palestinian state next door to us would be as barbaric as Iraq." a garage owner said. "I would even support the deports-

tion of Palestinians to Jordan.' Left-wing activists put it differently. "Unless the PLO breaks away from Saddam instead of just qualifying its support for him, the Gulf states will stop financing the PLO and Arafat will be throttled," said one. "I'm very much afraid that if Saddam is defeated, and one way or another he will be, the idea of a state of Palestine will disappear

Setbacks unlikely to break Iraqi leader's dream of dominance

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

fied command bunker 100ft But even this assumption can beneath a street in the suburbs of Baghdad, President Sad- such conviction. There are dam Hussein continues to indulge his fantasies of dominating the Arab world. against President Saddam. Armed with an array of exotic weaponry - ballistic missiles with chemical warheads, super-cannons and, even-tually, a nuclear and biological capability - and his rhetoric and propaganda, he has con-

But, every day since the August 2 invasion of Kuwait, by three divisions of his trusted Republican Guards, his options have been changing. He has already lost one military option, taking Saudi Arabia before the Americans arrived, and his diplomatic offensive - public tirades against the Americans - has failed to achieve its objective. With the exception of Palestinians on the streets of Jordan and his own people, the Arab world has turned

Even Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, has publicly condemned the taking of foreign hostages and has offered military support if the United East. Nations were to approve a the sole member of the UN most likely to veto a naval blockade, has now said it will not stand in the way of advice. None of his senior military action to enforce military officers was ap-

Undoubtedly, President Saddam believes one military option still available, an attack on Israel, would bring Arab nations rushing to his side to defeat what he would claim is an Israeli-American

armed clash could crupt be-

tween the United States and

Iraq "by the weekend", and

said Israel almost certainly

would become involved if

President Saddam Hussein

launched a strike against the

Senior army, civil defence

and intelligence officers yes-

terday briefed Yitzhak Sham-

ir, the prime mimister, and his

cabinet on developments in

secret session. But Mr Shamir deferred a decision on whether

the Israeli civil defence

authorities should issue gas

masks to civilians against a possible traqi chemical attack.

Some commentators said an

armed confrontation would

not take place for another

week to ten days, giving the

As the cabinet met yes-

terday, the defence correspondent of the mass-circu-

lation daily, Yediot Ahronoth, said: "In Israel the estimate is

that in the shortest time,

measurable in days, war is

likely to erupt between Iraq

and the multinational force in

Saudi Arabia." Israeli press

reports said some Iraqi mis-

siles were targeted on Israel.

The cabinet discussed "the

subject of protection for the

civilian population", a ref-

erence to the issuing of gas

masks, but decided that Mr

Shamir would establish a

"special sub-committee" to

deal with the matter. The

decision was a blow for David

Levy, the foreign minister,

who has been demanding the

distribution of protective

Moshe Arens, the defence

minister, yesterday appointed General Yaakov Lapidot to

the newly created post of

adviser on civil defence. Of-

ficials said the new post

equipment

United States time to build up

ISRAEL

lewish state.

SITTING in his heavily forti- axis against the Arab world. no longer be relied upon with some strange alliances being forged in the common cause

Would Syria, eager to forge better links with the United States, turn its guns and missiles on Israel at the first sign of Israeli miitary involvement against Iraq? Would Egypt have second thoughts vinced himself that his army is about its build-up of troops and armour in support of Saudi Arabia? President Saddam cannot be sure of the

> But, as his options change, it would be wrong to assume that the Iraqi leader's decision to plant foreign nationals at military and industrial installations, and his supposedly unconditional offer, delivered by his foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, to hold talks with the US, are signs of weakness and desperation. They are actions that underline his increasing isolation, but any setbacks on the diplomatic or military front are unlikely to divert him from his strategic ambitions which stretch beyond the boundaries of the Middle

Wearing the uniform of a field marshal, though he was never trained as a soldier, listening to his military commanders who dare to proffer pointed for their expertise. As one military expert said: They are in his command bunker to tell him what he wants to hear."

British force deployments on the ground and the inter-Gulf and Red Sea, what will be President Saddam's main concerns, now his counterpart in the US has called up thousands of reserves, the clearest sign of an American determination to see Operation

bitter end?

Desert Shield through to the

First, his military options

are no longer dependent on

Iraq's ability to wage war, the

only yardstick when he sent in his troops to overwhelm Ku-

wait. He knew there would be

no opposition and he must

have realised that the US and

other Western countries had

calculated that there would be

no Iraqi invasion. Stage one,

The next phase, moving

into Saudi Arabia, seizing the

main oil fields in the eastern

region and some principal

the Saudi air force. But, with

the arrival of the Americans,

in particular the squadrons of F 15s and F 16s, that am-

bition has been put to one

Second, with Saudi Arabia

the whole focus of President

Saddam's and President

Bush's strategy has switched back to Kuwait. If there is to

be a war, it will be fought in Kuwait, with the US taking

the initiative and Iraq at-

tempting to hold out behind

defensive positions. That is not to exclude Saudi Arabia

and Iraq from the battlefield.

If the prize is to be Kuwait, the

Americans will have to mount

surgical strikes on at least

three main air bases between

Basra and the Kuwaiti border

to prevent Iraqi fighters from

attacking American ground forces moving into Kuwait.

Similarly, Iraq would be likely

to mount a missile attack on

key Saudi bases in an attempt

to cause panic, undermine

morale and disrupt American

General Sir Anthony Far-

rar-Hockley, former com-mander-in-chief Allied Forces

Northern Europe, said that, in

an American operation to recapture Kuwait, "The first priority would be to isolate

Kuwait by taking out the

closest air bases in Iraq which

There are three main air

bases, in Basra, at Shuaiba to

the southwest, at Safwan, in

the south, close to the border

and with Kuwait. But there

are also at least six minor

airfields where the runway

surfaces were improved by the Iraqis during the war with

Iran, at Ar Rumaylah, directly

west of Basra, at Shaibah

West, at Az Zubayr and dotted

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around Basra.

pose the greatest threat.

and British supply lines.

therefore, was easy.

Assuming his operational bunker has maps listing known American, Saudi and

might become targets.

• Do-it-yourself masks: Is-

raeli supermarkets yesterday

reported that they had all but

sold out of baking soda, described in civil defence

manuals as an antidote to

poison gas. The manuals sug-gest that a makeshift gas mask

can be made by soaking a

cloth in baking soda, which

allegedly helps to neutralise

the acid substances used in

chemical weapons. The news-

paper Davar said baking soda

Israeli strategic experts believe Iraq could deliver

chemical weapons to Israeli

territory only by using aircraft

or artillery, which Israel can

prevent. But some experts

believe Iraq may have put

small quantities in missiles.

sales were up 500 per cent.

Armed clash likely

'by the weekend'

ISRAELI defence experts yes- reflected Mr Arens' concern

terday predicted that an that Israeli civilian centres

military bases, and possibly taking control of Riyadh, would have been more difficult because of the extended lines of communication, the logistics and the threat from

King clings to fragile popularity with a diplomatic balancing act

PROOF of the dilemma now facing King Husain, the most serious of his turbulent 38year reign, came during two very different meetings on Tuesday in the palace where he has been locked with advisers since returning empty-handed from Kennebunkport last week.

At the first, arranged at short notice, Tariq Aziz, the chief envoy for President Saddam Hussein, handed him a letter from the Iraqi leader and, according to Jordanian sources, praised him for his almost ione voice of sympathy

for the Iraqi case. At the second, Taro Nakayama, the Japanese foreign minister, tried to convince him to impose immediate sanctions against Iraq and offered a \$20 million (£10.5 million) sweetener which was rejected. Playing for time, the king is understood to have informed the Japanese that his country would adhere to the UN resolution on a trade embargo with Iraq but, before

that, unspecified technical points had to be cleared up. Jordan has submitted a report to the UN on the grave economic consequences for it of imposing such an embargo, while full-blooded sanctions could provoke such a wave of anger among the passionately pro-Iraqi Jordanian people that the king's fragile throne

would be in leopardy. The strength of feeling in Jordan was reflected yesterday in a blood-curdling editorial in the semi-official Amman were now Arab targets. "The at least - as popular with the drag Jordan into war with hatred, contempt and determination of the West to turn us into a nation of slaves has left us no chance except fighting a fierce, merciless and endless war which will make everything and everyone Western a target that must be struck in defence of our religion, national identity and dignity."

More anti-American protests were staged in different parts of Jordan yesterday. including one outside the US embassy. This afternoon thousands of Jordanian women are expected to march through the centre of Amman in support of King Husain's stand of sympathy for President Saddam. The march is being organised by Islamic fundamentalists who have united firmly behind the king, of his measured and dip-

making him - for the moment

broad mass of his people as at Israel. any time in his reign. One Western official said: The sudden burst of popular-

Sister-in-arms: an airwoman of the US 1st Tactical Fighter Wing eating her breakfast surrounded by male comrades at a base in Saudi Arabia

ity is in strict contrast to last year's anti-government riots, But it is brittle and dependent on him showing continued backing for Iraq. If he was suddenly seen to turn the screws on Iraq, the fervour in the normally temperate paper the streets could just as quickly turn against him." The Jordanians are des-

perately anxious to obtain statements that the United Nations Charter will at least permit them to supply a wide range of food and medicines to Baghdad.

A number of Western nations are discreetly advising the United States not to put too much pressure the king, for fear that any replacement

lomatically nimble rule could

Diplomats who continue to admire the king despite his reverence of President Saddam (whom he recently described as an "Arab patriot") hope that he will be able to finesse the sanctions question. "He could still be used as a vital conciliator, claimed an Arab official. Veteran Husain-watchers,

most of whom have been taken aback by his enthusiasm for Iraq, believe the keys to his stand have been his nostalgia for Arab pationalism and disillusionment with the US.

"Husain is the most complex of all the Arab rulers. He is also a man whose presence in charge is vital if any sort of stability is to be maintained," said one expert. "If he falls, any conflagration in the Gulf could be even more serious than that already predicted."

Brazilian plea to 'missile workers'

From Louise Byrne IN RIO DE JANEIRO

BRAZIL has appealed to at least 20 Brazilian "high-technology mercenaries" to halt their work on military projects in Iraq. The engineers are thought to be working on construction of a missile mod-elled on the Brazilian prototype Piranha, which has a range of three miles and can carry 26lb of explosive.

A spokesman for the Brazilian foreign ministry said: "We cannot stop them from working in Iraq but we can call upon them to halt their work for patriotic reasons." The engineers are working

under the leadership of Brigadier Hugo Piva, a former director of the Aerospace Technology Centre, the research arm of the Brazilian air force. In May, a Brazilian magazine reported that the team with the brigadier had also worked on a Brazilian air force project to produce the Big Piranha, a nuclear-capable missile with a 620-mile range. Meanwhile, Brazil has denied allegations that it is

involved in nuclear arms cooperation with Iraq. It rejects claims that it is developing a nuclear-capable missile which could be sold to Iraq and Libya. However, Brazil has said that it is likely to be reviewing military trade with

lraq, its main arms customer. The new Brazilian constitution, signed in 1988, prohibits the development of nuclear weapons and the government claims it only sells arms for defensive purposes.

Japanese offer cash aid to Cairo

From Sarah Gauch in Cairo

EGYPT'S sinking economy, even more burdened by the Gulf crisis, may get a financial boost from Japan after a meeting yesterday between President Mubarak and Taro ment outside the country. Nakayama, the Japanese foreign minister.

send forces, the government is communications personnel quite ready to provide assis- and the use of Japanese minetance to countries which are sweepers. The package would seriously affected by the cur- be unprecedented in scope, a rent situation," said Makoto Japanese foreign ministry paper Al-Rai stating that all rent situation," said Makoto Japanese foreign ministry would have to be in the for Westerners in the Middle East Yamanaka, Tokyo's foreign spokesman said on Tuesday in of "emergency assistance".

ministry spokesman. "These Jordan. Egypt, which has a measures will include economic assistance." Japan's 1946 constitution

bars it from military involve-However, Japan could contribute not only financial Although Japan cannot aid, but also medical and

budget deficit of 18 per cent of gross domestic product and 30 to 40 per cent inflation, is being urged by the International Monetary Fund to introduce sweeping economic Until Egypt completes its

negotiations with the IMF, Japan is unable to contribute official aid, according to a Japanese economist. So aid would have to be in the form

Traveller's prayer: an Egyptian refugee from Kuwait performing his devotions among quenes of cars at the crowded port of Aqaba as he waits for a ferry home

AQABA

Torrent of refugees could swamp Egypt

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER

AN ANGRY and thirsty crowd of several thousand Egyptians surged across the desert highway between Agaba and the Iraqi border. blocking all traffic and throwing stones at cars and lorries that tried to pass.

"We have just been told we have to wait here 48 hours more before we can get a ferry to Egypt. We have no food and hardly any water," shouted one protester on Sunday. Where is the Egyptian government? Why are they not doing something for us?"

It was the latest outburst of fristration among the unsung victims of the Gulf confrontation, Egyptian refugees who in the next few weeks could number hundreds of thou- claimed there was a lack of estimated at 20 per cent. sands. Figures provided in resources and organisation.

tians in occupied Kuwait and 1.6 million in Iraq, most wanting to leave. Many of those travelling for

more than four days to reach the outskirts of Agaba have made the journey in rusty cattle lorries. A senior Aqaba port official said at least one Egyptian had been crushed to death in stampedes to board the ferries provided to transport the exodus to the Sinai port of Nuweiba. It is feared others will die of thirst and malnutrition.

At Nuweiba, the Egyptian ministry of supply has pledged to provide 15,000 light meals a day and free transport to all parts of Egypt. But travellers

Jordan yesterday showed The growing queue of Egyp-serious social problems and there were still 150,000 Egyp-tian refugees is a pathetic side-undermine stability. The effect of the Gulf tension. For returning refugees also repre-President Mubarak, the flow sent a blow to Egypt's depleted of Egyptians struggling to exchequer Repatriated earnreturn represents a potential economic and political time-

> With Iraqi intelligence co- change income, and some operating with radical Palessubvert Mr Mubarak's pro-Western regime, the refugee stream could provide a cover for infiltrating agents.

economy by the arrival of hundreds of thousands of workers, without money and jobs or homes. Unemployment in Egypt is already

The influx is likely to cause

economists believe the present tinian groups in an attempt to annual level of remittances of about \$2.5 billion (£1.3 billion) could be cut in half. On the other hand, economics experts predict Egypt, the Equally dangerous is the most populous Arab nation, threat posed to Egypt's ailing will gain from increased oil most populous Arab nation. revenues of \$2 million or more a day, and possible windfall profits from the extra with little prospect of finding use of the Suez Canal, There is a rising expectation that

Washington will feel obliged

to write off Cairo's \$4.5 billion

military debt.

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to give it an extended shelf life of six years. In use against chemical attack it provides a high degree of protection for a minimum of 24 hours, though human tolerance of the heat stress it engenders in tem-

long-term efficacy of the suit in such heat against lraq's known arsenal of mustard gas which can take a long time to disperse and the nerve gases tabun and sarin. Dr Alastair Hay, a chemical pathologist from Leeds University and chairman of an academic working party on chemical and biological warfare, said: People will just overheat. You must sweat to cool yourself and if you can't get rid of your moisture - if it doesn't

Kinnock endorses Thatcher's moves on Gulf emergency

By Nicholas Wood and Daniel Treisman

NEIL Kinnock, the Labour tancy and internal disarray the Canary Wharf devleader, yesterday offered the was an 18-point rise in public prime minister almost un- support for the Conservatives qualified support for the gov- and an electorally irreversible ernment's handling of the slump in Labour's standing in Gulf emergency. His com- opinion polls. ments came as Mrs Thatcher

If anything, Mr Kinnock condemned as a "scandal" the reinforced the bipartisan spirit treatment of British hostages that has so far marked most in the Gulf and said thousands domestic political reaction to of Arabs and Asians were the pressures the government fleeing Iraq in fear of its is applying to the Iraqi leader.

On the British hostages, he In his first public said that everything that could pronouncement on the mili- be done for them was being tary build-up triggered by done. He endorsed the prime President Saddam Hussein's minister's refusal to bargain occupation of Kuwait, Mr with President Saddam over their fate, and refrained from Kinnock's remarks suggested that he and his senior col- demanding an immediate releagues have learned from the call of parliament. He also Falklands conflict. Then, supported the government's under the leadership of Michmoves to win a comprehenael Foot, Opposition spokessive United Nations mandate men regularly questioned the for Western action in the Gulf. use of military force to requestioning only the slow pace capture the islands and were at which it had moved to gain undermined by the left wing international authority for the naval blockade.

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Britain supplies protective suits

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

AMERICAN armed forces are will be raised and you and buying British "doom suits" to protect them from chemical attack in the Middle East, it emerged yesterday as mass production of the garment was consists of two layers of ordered by the defence min-

calling for a truce with Argen-

tina. The result of this hesi-

istry in London. Orders of up to two million from several countries involved in the Gulf confrontation are anticipated by British Aerospace, which has been appointed by the defence ministry as co-ordinating contrac-

But sources in the industry. who are gearing up to double their putput to nearly 500,000 a year, fear they may not be able to meet the demand from governments in the Gulf should a decision be taken to protect civilians within range of chemical attack from Iraq.

It was confirmed by the industry that the British government would have to decide who should get them first.

American forces are conducting field trials of the suits and a tacit admission of their moniy over us suits by the US Defence Department is expected to lead to large orders for the Mark 4 version now issued to British servicemen. Some American soldiers are already said to have been equipped with them and a number have the Mark 3 version, but most have American chemical protection

The three British companies licensed to make the NBC (nuclear, biological and chemical) suits for supply to the Ministry of Defence through BAe are: Remploy, of Cricklewood, northwest London, which specially employs disabled people; the Compton Webb Group of Newport Gwent which is a subsidiary of Coats Viyella: and Avon Industrial Polymers Bradford-on-Avon,

The manufacturers, and another five companies which make material for the suits. are believed to be taking on up to 15 per cent more staff or reallocating other employees. Round-the-clock shiftwork is expected in some cases and sub-contractors may be called in to increase production. Some British suits could eventually be made under licence

Already the Saudi air force and some key civilians have received 10,000 suits and gas masks, and newspaper advertisements in Saudi Arabia could lead to requests for

costs up to £200 including the \$10 respirator and accessories, is pressure- and vacuumpacked by the manufacturers

peratures over 100F may not be longer than 30 minutes.

Scientists have criticised the evaporate - your body cannot cool. Your body temperature

elopment in London's Docklands, Mrs Thatcher said she was "deeply upset" by Iraq's behaviour towards Britons held there. "They are entitled to be there," she said. "Our nationals should be looked after very well indeed. It's a scandal the way they have been treated."

Mr Kinnock, making clear that he saw no advantage in harrying ministers when servicemen had been dispatched to a potential war zone, said: "It's an unprofitable exercise when our forces are engaged when they are taking defensive action in support of independent and peaceful countries against an aggressor, for us to be looking around for points of difference."

The Labour leader, speak ing on BBC Radio 4's The World at One, also indicated that, had he been in power, he would have responded in much the same way as Mrs

Like Mrs Thatcher, while sympathising with the "anxi-ety" of friends and relatives of the 4.500 Britons trapped in Kuwait and Iraq, Mr Kinnock was adamant that no concessions could be made to their captors.

Later, after opening an £18 million window factory and office complex in Braintree, Essex, the prime minister expressed her sympathy for the families of hostages trapped in the Gulf. "They're always in our thoughts in everything we do. This is one reason we are keeping our ambassadors there so that they will do everything

at the chemical defence She flatly rejected a claim by establishment at Porton an Iraqi envoy in Geneva that Down, Wiltshire, forms the "British colonialism" was responsible for tension in the The suit, which is shower-Gulf. "How absolutely abproof, can be torn but may be surd. The trouble is Saddam repaired with army issue re-Hussein marched in and inpair kits which contain six vaded another country and self-adhesive PVC patches. took it by force. That is the There is a large front-flap root of the whole trouble and pocket and a sleeve patch for we must never forget it," she

locating detector paper which indicates chemical attack. "There are thousands and The American chemical thousands of people - Arabs, protective outfit is slightly Indians and Asians - streamheavier and consists of a ing out of Iraq to get away charcoal-activated cloth with from the present dictator, going into Jordan. That tells a nylon/cotton twill outer you everything."



Doom suit: a test run for the British-made nuclear, biological and chemical outfit and respirator that will protect troops in the Middle East



Susan Sihaloto, from London, who flew out from Baghdad yesterday, is hugged by her son Jonathan, aged four, on arriving at Amman airport. Passengers said Westerners on the flight wept and sang as they left Iraq

Jesse Jackson seeks TV coup with plan to visit Baghdad

WHEREVER there are international television cameras the chances are that Jesse Jackson, the fiery preacher and civil rights leader, is never far behind. The Gulf is no exception. Mr Jackson, hardly a wallflower when it comes to

self-promotion, has announced plans to visit Iraq as a journalist in time for the autumn launch of his own syndicated chat-show. America's television networks will watch his progress with wry smiles - and certain

have failed. Despite a frenzy of international telephone calls and attempted string-pulling, only two networks, ABC and CBS, can boast they got crews inside Iraq. Neither got close to President Saddam Hussein, but at least one had the Kuwait.

Small groups of French

officers, where, the sources

from home, with Perrier and

For these small mercies, they

can thank Yassir Arafat, lead-

er of the Palestine Liberation

Organisation, who interceded

on their behalf with President

rage if he succeeds where they

decency to admit the Iraqi leader had only invited them to export his message to the rest of the world.

Admittedly, ABC's anchor-man for Nightline, Ted Koppel, beat rival CBS's veteran newshound. Dan Rather. by a day last week in what was held as a significant coup in one of America's most uptight industries.

The viewer ratings of Koppel's network soared after he sent back a 50-minute tape of an interview with Iraq's foreign minister.

Rather, who interrupted a holiday in France to cover the confrontation, fought back this week with footage of himself chatting to a handful of Americans among the thousands of foreigners unwillingly trapped in Baghdad and

French are 'more comfortable'

than Britons and Americans

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

FRENCH civilians in the Palestinian journalist in regu- Britons are reportedly being

human shield around Bagh- lar contact with Baghdad said, used as human sandbags dad's nerve centres will be "The colonels and brigadiers around the Iraqi leader's

this with their French guests."

tions in Baghdad are housed

they are living with lraqi

Last weekend the Iragi lead-

er said that the army and those

involved in its service in-

dustries would get the best

quality, while others, Iraqis

"The government eases and Westerners, would get the said: "He has no English, so I

tial to the war machine.

He said British and Ameri-

somewhat unceremoniously. Koppel was "invited" to leave Iraq last week and is now working from Jordan. Iraqi officials ordered the CBS team to leave yesterday, telling them they had "outstayed

their welcome". This may have assuaged the pique of those networks which failed to deploy their troops any nearer to Baghdad than Cairo, Amman and other Arab cities during the biggest breaking news story since the US invasion of Panama last December. America's highly competitive television networks bicker at the best of times, but the Gulf hostilities has pushed their rivalry to new heights.

Their chief handicap is a lack of action in the Middle East as most details about

used as human sandbags

presidential palace and other

vital targets, others were

carrying on as best they could.

Seven Britons employed by

Glantre Engineering, of Read-

ing, have been going to work

every day, according to Andry

Konaris, the wife of one of

Her husband has told her by

telephone that Baghdad did

imminent American attack.

One of her husband's friends

who was working at a remote

site outside the Iraqi capital

heard of the emergency only

on Monday. Mrs Konaris

suppose he couldn't under-

their Cypriot colleagues.

The two correspondents left tanks, troops and tactics emerge from Washington. It is unclear whether Mr Jackson will pull off his intended trip. The United States has warned all Americans to avoid travelling there until further notice. Mr Jackson, however, has already found his way into newspaper headlines by claiming that the Bush administra-

tion is seeking to thwart his

trip. The State Department.

citing its travel advice, has said the Democratic politician is free to decide his own plans. Meanwhile, the executive producer of the forthcoming Jesse Jackson Show has said he has "every indication" that Iragi officials who invited Mr Jackson to Baghdad will allow the civil rights leader to interview President Saddam. This truly would be a stunt to ruffle the egos of America's

> Koppel and Rather saw the ader, whom President Bush describes as a modern Hitler. Many of Mr Jackson's detractors have viewed his plans as a further example of the politician's desire to maintain a high profile, coming only months after he travelled to South Africa at the time of Nelson Mandela's release. Mr Jackson has responded by saying that "it was not appropriate to go there (Iraq) as a diplomat". Six years ago he

television hotshots. Not even

the release of a US pilot captured by Syrian troops. Mr Jackson has twice run unsuccessfully for the Democratic presidential nomination and is now campaigning for a 'shadow' Senate seat formed by the District of Columbia to lobby Congress for statehood

went to Syria to help negotiate

not appear to be fearful of an for Washington. A journey to the Gulf should at least guarantee him more attention than he received last week at a news conference he called to urge the government to do more for minorities in its bailout of the nation's building societies. Only one reporter showed up.

Envoys ready for embassy closure

By MICHAEL KNIPE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

WITH Irag's deadline for the closure of foreign embassies in Kuwait now just 24 hours away, diplomats were pre-sumed yesterday to be destroying their most sen-sitive files and preparing to smash their cypher equipment in readiness for the threatened

Whitehall sources said that if Iragi officials attempted to enter the British embassy, Michael Weston, the ambassador, could be expected to inform them that they were violating diplomatic immunity but he was not expected to resist physically. The diplomatic staff of eight with two support staff is expected to be reduced to four by tomorrow

The Iraqi tactic stight be to simply cut off the embassy's facilities or, indeed, to do nothing initially, said the sources. The Iraqis have indicated that from tomorrow they will no longer recognise the diplomatic status of foreign officials in Kuwait.

Yesterday, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, confirmed the government's commitment to keeping the British

Similar determination has been expressed by Britain's EC partners, and the American and Polish governments. In the final analysis, if the Iraqis decide to evict the diplomats there is little that can be done to stop them. However, Baghdad may be content to allow diplomats to continue their activities without formal diplomatic cover. Yesterday, Iraq reneged on

an offer by its official in Knwait to release more than 650 citizens of seven EC Italy disclosed the offer

made apparently by Iraqi to let the citizens of Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Greece, the Netherlands and Spain leave for Jordan or Turkey via Baghdad. Iraqi officials in Baghdad later told Belgian diplomats that there was no such offer.

However, late Saadi Mehdi Saleh, the Speaker of the Iraqi par-liament said Iraq would free some of the 1,000 French and lapanese nationals trapped in Iraq and Kuwait in an attempt to stop them "trailing behind the irrational American stand against Iraq".

in Kuwait, Mr Weston and his staff continued to demand consular access to the 10 Britons rounded up at gunpoint by the Iraqi authorities and the other 127 being held by the Iraqis at both military and civilian installations.

Of those seized, 21 are believed to be held at military installations. Four of the 10 Britons rounded up at gunpoint were a couple and their two young children, it was later disclosed.

A foreign office spokesman said the whereabouts of about 97 of the hostages were known.

Speaking on the BBC's Today programme yesterday, Mr Hurd said: "So long as we have citizens held there as hostages, we must do our utmost to keep our own folk there, someone in touch with them. We do not want to use force, we want the UN Security Council's resolutions to

But if western hostages were harmed, the situation would have to be reviewed, he said.

to keep them loyal," a from sanctions. While some WASHINGTON NOTEBOOK by Martin Fletcher

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Envoy on a vain chat-show mission to explain

There is not the slightest doubt who is the single most unpopular man in Washington. He is Mohamed Sadiq al-Mashat, the unctuous Iraqi ambassador who appears on every other chat show to proclaim his country's love of peace and to denounce American belligerence. Dr al-Mashat arrived here from

London last autumn declaring his priority was to court the press and reverse a torrent of unflattering reports about his country. It was a campaign doomed to failure. He began by "categorically" denying allegations that Iraq had used chemical weapons against its Kurdish population. That ended when President Saddam Hussein himself acknowledged their use.

Iraq was then rumbled in its attempts to buy nuclear trigger devices and steel tubes for a giant gun. It hanged a British journalist. It declared its intention of "burning" half of Israel if attacked. Just before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the US banned the export of advanced industrial furnaces capable of making parts for missiles and nuclear weapons. That provoked this furious press release from the unlovely ambassador. "Iraq needs these furnaces to purify, melt and cast metals to be used in producing artificial limbs

for the thousands of unfortunate people who lost limbs during the eight-year war with Iran, and finds it most inhumane to prevent or delay the acquisition of equipment that will be used for their benefit. The government cannot stress enough how urgent the need is among its physically bandicapped, to whom artificial limbs will spell the difference between hopeless existence and a happy, productive life." Tell that to a Kuwaiti. ashington's latest theory is that the administration

▼ ▼ arranged the Iraqi invasion of Kuwaii to solve a Savings and Loan scandal so serious that it was threatening Mr Bush's very presidency. The collapse of the Texas real estate market bankrupted umpteen S&Ls (building societies) which had invested in highly speculative development projects in the 1980s. This set off a nationwide chain reaction. The administration is now trying to sell the S&Ls' assets to finance its bailout programme, but succeeding only in flooding the property market and depressing prices still further. The ultimate cost of the bailout is a staggering \$500 billion (£260.4 billion). Now just suppose there was a way of suddenly reviving the oil-based economy of the Lone Star state.

ore seriously, the Iraqi invasion almost certainly saved both Bisherd To A saved both Richard Cheney, the US defence secretary, and the Pentagon budget which he had so poorly defended from congressional attacks that his head was on the block. In fact, his stock has rarely been higher than today. It was he who finally persuaded Saudi Arabia to take the momentous step of requesting US military help. It is he who presided over the biggest military deploy-ment since Vietnam with scarcely a hiccup. He is in many ways a remarkable man. Despite three mild heart attacks and coronary by-pass surgery, he has spent the days since the Iraqi invasion jetting furiously between Washington and moderate Arab states. When he met US troops in Saudi Arabia last weekend the temperature was 104F. The Pentagon is meanwhile

advertising for one particular specialist that it desperately needs to help its troops in Saudi Arabia. The Armed Forces Pest Management Board requires an expert in poisonous desert snakes. As if the threat of Iraqi poison gas is not enough. US troops must also watch out for at least 10 species of dangerous-to-deadly snakes in the Saudi desert, including the Egyptian cobra, the saw-scaled viper, the desert black snake, the puff adder and the Arabian bull viper. President Bush, weighed down by the Gulf crisis, has not given up his customary frenetic pursuit of sport during his annual holiday in Kennebunkport, Maine. He has simply condensed



it. At the best of times he plays what his aides call "aerobic golf" a reference to his habit of charging round courses at breakneck speed. scattering those before him. Last week, with world affairs pressing in on him, he managed 18 holes in

minutes faster than his previous record and half the time it takes most lesser mortals.

Whether he is enjoying his sport this year is another matter. Clearly feeling the strain of events in the Middle East, he snapped at reporters who tried to question him between holes the other day. "I hope you'll understand if I, when I'm recreating, will recreate. And then when we're working, which I'm uying to do up here also, I'll work hard," he declared in classic Bushspeak. There was more vintage pres-

identese on Monday. Discussing why he had abandoned his reluctance to call Americans in Iraq and Kuwait "hostages", Mr Bush suggested: "It's semantical."

Ostscript: as thousands of marines prepared to leave for Saudi Arabia last week, the chapel of their base at Twentynine Palms in California performed no fewer than 33 weddings, more than five times the average. On Monday Mr Bush spoke of Airman First Class Wade West Recalled from leave on August 7, he had married and left for the Middle East within an hour. As the president observed: "You talk about a guy that gets things done."

11-month baby is hostage By KERRY GILL

ONE of the hostages seized by Iraqi troops in Kuwait is a baby aged 11 months, it

emerged last night Matthew Buchan was taken with his brother Christopher, aged three, and his parents, David and Rose Buchan, to a hotel in Kuwait city. Mr Buchan has been working in the country for three years as an administrative manager for the Aberdeen-based Wood

The company said: "We are really concerned. Our fear is that they could be used as human sandbags. We haven't had confirmation of exactly where they are. The family of the Buchans is deeply distressed and just waiting by the phone for news."

The family, who come from Peterhead, Grampian, were seized with their neighbours, Andrew and Carolyn Stephenson, whose home is in Aberdeen.

The first their relatives knew of the detentions was a call from the Foreign Office. yesterday to the mother of Carolyn Stephenson, who also lives in Aberdeen,

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION AT SWANSEA

Fears of rise in sea level 'unsupported by evidence'

FEARS that global warming would melt icccaps, raise sea until the year 2070, whatever levels and flood low-lying land were not supported by available evidence, which suggested that the opposite was happening, Julian Dowdes-well, of the Scott Polar Research Institute, told the British Association yesterday (Nigel Hawkes writes).

ready

He said the southern part of thickening at the rate of 20cm a year, equivalent to a lowering of sea levels by half a millimetre a year. But the data did not disprove the global warming hypothesis, since it was possible that the ice thickening was caused by increasing snowfall, which might be one consequence of warming.

Observations of ice thickening covered only the southern 40 per cent of the Greenland ice sheet and might not apply to the rest.

Joe Farman, of the British Antarctic Survey, who discovered the "ozone hole" over Antarctica in 1985, reported to the association on his latest findings. He said the introduction of chlorofluorocarbons, used in aerosols and refrigerators, had been "a dreadful mistake, looking back". They had reduced the protective ozone layer everywhere. It was the unique atmospheric conditions in the Antarctic, where a large air mass is isolated by strong winds, that enabled the hole to be found there, but the damage was world-wide. Ozone about 2 per cent.

we do, Mr Farman said.

The reason was that the chlorine now in the atmosphere, together with smaller quantities of even more destructive bromine compounds, would continue to destroy ozone for many years. Observations over the Greenland ice sheet is United States had begun to show detectable reductions of Ozone cover.

He expected to see increasing evidence of ozone thinning during the winter, when the effect is greatest, over southern Europe, particularly Turkey and Greece. By about 2005 the greatest effects would be visible, with winter losses about 25 per cent of the levels of ozone measured in 1970. There would be a danger of increased radiation reaching the Earth through the maged ozone layer, affect-

ing human health. • James Hansen, of the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the scientist who first focused widespread public opinion on the greenhouse effect, today discounts the theory that global warming may be offset in the next century by a periodic decline in the sun's heat (Michael McCarthy writes).

He says in Nature that to counter the full effect of all the greenhouse gases that will have accumulated in the atmosphere by 2050, the sun's radiation would need to fall by

Sleep loss 'has less effect on wives'

By THOMSON PRENTICE MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

MANY married women prefer night work to a day job because it gives them more time to fulfill their roles as housewives and mothers, a survey has shown. But they run the risk of damaging their insufficien sleep, Zander Wedderburn, a psychologist at Heriot Watt Business School, Edinburgh,

However, they cope better with sleep loss than married men and single women who work at night. Almost twice as many wives as husbands reported that their partner wanted them to stop working shifts, but there was little evidence of marital strife, Mr Wedderburn said.

Another survey of aspects of occupational stress, published vesterday, suggests that more than half the headaches suffered by office workers could be due to the effects of fluorescent strip lighting.

The lighting fluctuates continually, too fast to be seen, but can cause strain on eye and nerve cells and parts of the brain, and raise the pulse of people prone to panic attacks, Arnold Wilkins, an occupational psychologist at

Cambridge University, said. In offices using high-frequency strip lighting which fluctuated less the average incidence of the symptoms was reduced by more than 50 per cent, but installing it cost about twice as much. Dr Wilkins said staff prone to the symptoms might benefit by wearing glasses with a spe-cially designed tints which filtered out some of the fluc-

Minister defends science standards

MICHAEL Fallon, the schools minister, yesterday defended standards of science education in British schools. In a speech at the British Association, he said that standards in science education were going up, not down (Nigel Hawkes writes). He said: "More and more including girls. There has been a marked improvement in

exam results for science at age 16 and 18 over the past ten years. The national curriculum will accelerate this trend and push up standards." In an apparent attempt to

answer Sir Claus Moser, the BA president's criticisms that Britain was in danger of becoming one of the leastadequately educated of all the advanced nations, Mr Fallon said: "I am confident that this country will enter the 21st century as well educated and equipped in science as any of our competitors."

He said: "We want science to be perceived by society as central to understanding the world around us, not something which is only accessible to the specialists."

Lord Dainton, Chancellor of Sherfield University, said that a modern democracy could no longer function successfully if its school leavers lacked basic scientific literacy. School science should continue for all pupils until they left school. He said Britain had allowed school science teaching to deteriorate, so that young people had chosen different courses. The latest figures for graduates in mathematics, biology and physics applying to become teachers were down. "This bodes ill for the future."

House dust risk to babies in later life

later in life, according to results of an 11-year study published today (Thomson

Prentice writes). The researchers say that an infant is more prone to the condition if either parent has asthma or hay fever. They asthma, 16 had been exposed recommend that in such cases, soft furnishings in the baby's room should be reduced to a minimum and that soft toys should be of artificial fibres.

The findings, published by British specialists in the New England Journal of Medicine, suggest that environmental factors in the first year of life are an important determinant of asthma. It is known that inhaling dust containing debris from the common house mite can provoke asthma.

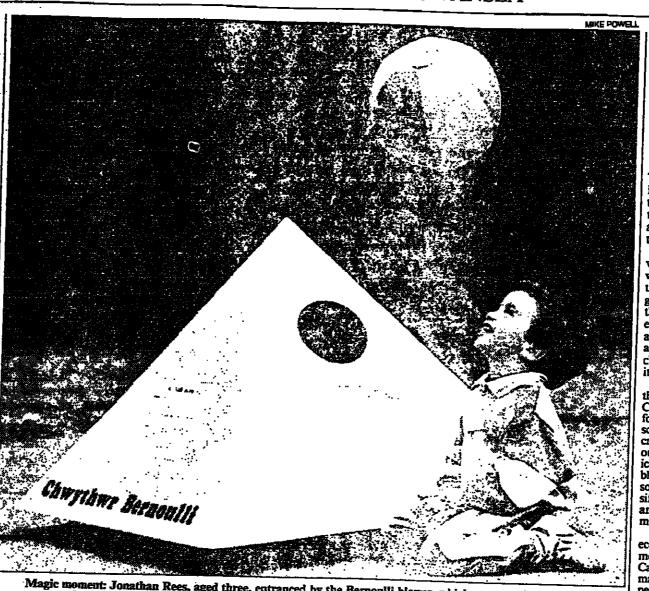
Yesterday, Stephen Holgate of Southampton University, who led the study, said: Changes made to our homes during the last 30 years, such

BABIES exposed to house as central heating, fitted cardust are at extra risk of asthma pets and more efficient insulation, have made a wonderful environment in which the dust mite can flourish."

Analysis of 67 children each with a parent suffering from asthma or hay fever found that of 17 who developed to high levels of dust mite allergens as infants.

Asihma sufferers who vacuum clean their homes to reduce dust may increase airborne levels of the allergens, according to specialists in the current issue of The Lancet. • A test for systemic amyloidosis, a furtive syndrome in

which deposits of protein damage vital organs, has been developed by scientists at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital, London, who report on it in the New England Journal of Medicine today.



Magic moment: Jonathan Rees, aged three, entranced by the Bernoulli blower, which creates a jet of air and apparently allows the beachball to defy gravity. It is in an exhibition for children at the association meeting

Surprises as the experts home in on environment

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

terday several of the associ-ation's 16 sections turned their attention to it.

Biologists discussed dithey tell us about past £20,900 a year. environments, psychologists at the working environment, and medical scientists at the childhood environment and its impact on adult health.

As ever at BA meetings, there were some surprises. Clive Ponting, famous as a former civil servant and scourge of government secrecy, turns out to be an expert on the Maya Indians of Mexico and Guatemala. He blamed the failure of Mayan society on the over-intensification of its agriculture, and consequent environ-

Elsewhere Martin Weale, an economist from the Department of Applied Economics at Cambridge confirmed what many have long darkly suspected: that a higher degree in the social sciences is a handicap in life. Social scientists work well.

THE theme of this year's with first class degrees and British Association meeting is PhDs who graduated from the environment, and yes- 1972 to 1977 were by 1987 earning a median salary of £13.100 a year.

Those who had failed to complete their PhDs were versity in the natural world, earning more - £18,100 while geographers looked at while those who had made no the world's driest places, attempt at a higher degree geologists at fossils and what were doing better still, at

Does this mean higher degrees are a waste of time? Dr Weale thought not. The PhDs were mostly filling poorly-paid jobs in universities, while their academically lesssuccessful peers were out in the real world doing better.

Dr Weale produced another provocative statistic. He showed that literacy campaigns in developing coun-tries, which might be expected to lead to better economic performance, in fact appear to do the opposite. Nations that sought to make their populations literate did worse in terms of economic growth than those that allowed them

to remain blissfully ignorant. Literacy drives, Dr Weale said, tended to take place in socialist economies whose economic policies did not



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Proposals to harmonise EC speed limits rejected by peers

By RICHARD FORD

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT PROPOSALS to harmonise speed limits for buses, coaches and goods vehicles throughout the European Community and exempt certain people from wearing seat belts are rejected today by a House of Lords committee.

The peers question whether the European Commission has the power to introduce the measures which would cut motorway speed limits on many commercial vehicles and coaches but slightly increase limits in built up areas. The report urges the commission to concentrate instead on producing common standards of vehicle construction and similar road traffic signs.

The report says that it fears that "bunching" could increase because of the lower speed limits leading to more buses and coaches on dual carriageways

in transport costs. Lower speed limits on motorways and dual carriageways would increase journey times for the road transport and freight industries and worsen their competitive position relative to other forms of transport. "Furthermore, if the new limits were not widely accepted by drivers they could fall into disrepute and this would lead to difficulties in enforcement.'

Under the commission's proposal to harmonise speed limits for buses, coaches, and goods vehicles, most British limits would be slightly reduced or left unchanged. The speed limit for light vans on a single carriageway road would be 50mph instead of the present 60mph, on dual carriageways 50mph instead of 70mph and on motorways 62mph rather than 70mph. The limit for on motorways from 70mph to 62mph.

The peers also reject a proposed list exempting people from wearing seats belts in cars. It would include children under the age of 12 sitting in the rear of cars, drivers and adult front seat passengers under 1.5 metres, and pregnant women. The committee said: "It would be a serious retrograde step to exempt children from wearing seat belts or other restraints in the front and rear (where fitted) of cars. Nor should drivers and adult front seat passengers under 1.5 metres tall be excluded. The protection offered by the standard adult seat belt is

preferable to no protection at all." In a separate report, the peers support a plan for a common EC driving licence although they say difficulties in the area of road traffic law would have to be overcome before it could be introduced.

accidents and traffic offences and a rise would be cut from 60mph to 50mph and The most important matters to be resolved concerned the endorsemem of licences and the disqualification of road traffic offenders and this would involve mutual recognition of sentences and convictions as wellas the harmonisation of large parts of EC road traffic laws.

The report by the Lords select committee on European communities also highlights the civil liberties implications of a common EC driving licence which included a photograph of the holder. While the balance of evidence to the committee was that the benefits to road traffic law enforcement outweighed the potential effects on civil liberties, the report says the resemblance to a state identity card might arouse sensitivities in Britain

Meanwhile, doubts about the speed of the withdrawal of revenue support for British Rail passenger services and the

pressed yesterday in a report by the Commons transport select committee which called for an overhaul of urban transport systems. The report also criticised the transport department for giving no indication of the projected level of road traffic growth to 2025 for which it planned to cater, and said that imbalances between capital spending on national and local roads would lead to greater congestion in conurbations.

The report urged the department's next annual report to provide a "green audit" on a range of environmental concerns including estimates of carbon dioxide emisssions per year from the transport sector, the numbers and proportions of vehicles using leaded and unleaded fuel, and similar figures for vehicles fitted with catalytic converters and cars with low, medium and high

supported a measured expansion and improvement of the national and local road system to ease the worst cases of congestion. "Capital investment is needed to overhaul our urban transport systems and to make them effective and efficient," the report said, adding that there was a "renaissance" of public transport which would gather pace as a result of congestion and greater environmental awareness.

Road Safety in the Community. House of Lords select communities on the European Communities. 18th report: £5.85. The Community Driving Licence. House of Lords select committee on the European Communities. 23rd Report, £8.65. The Government's Expenditure Plans for Transport 1990-91 - 1992-93. Transport Committee 2nd report: £13.25. All available from Stationery Office.

Main credit agencies face court action over data use

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs correspondent

legal action brought by the Data Protection Registrar for failing to stop passing infordividuals who are not seeking

The registrar's office estimates that the credit rating of ing Services.

100,000 people a year is The agencies' 28 days in 100,000 people a year is affected because information on other individuals is supplied in connection with their application. Some are refused credit because family members or previous occupants of the same address have a poor credit record.

The decision to proceed with legal action is likely to be announced early next week by

Bail bias alleged for ethnic

ETHNIC minority defendants are more likely to be refused bail, according to a report by the Commission for Racial Equality published today (Frances Gibb writes). It says Home Office statistics suggest that disproportionately larger numbers of innocent eth- only information about the held in custody than white

people" Peter Sanders, chief executive of the commission, said that recent figures indicated that 15.1 per cent of the male prison population and 25.7 per cent of the female prison population were from ethnic minorities, a higher proportion than that of ethnics to whites in the country gen-

erally. "These are deeply disturbing statistics," he said. Part of the problem was that too many people were held in custody when they should more properly be released on bail because they had no fixed abode, and it was feared that they might abscond. "People from ethnic minority communities are disproportionately affected by homelessness and this may account in part for the high rates of remand in

custody. The commission calls for a "rigorous new drive" to ensure ethnic minority defendants stand an equal chance of cetting bail. In particular courts should monitor their decisions on whether to grant bail to ensure there is no discrimination. It welcomes a Home Office decision to increase the number of bail hostels, which it says will help to resolve the issue.

There must also be a clear policy of non-discriminatory practice by the courts, crown prosecution service, those running bail information schemes and probation officers when referring defendants to bail hostels, the commission savs.

Bail Hostels and Racial Equality (Commission for Racial Equality, Elit House, 10-12 Allington Street, London

By CRAIG SETON

FORTUNE has failed to smile on the

nuns of Our Lady of the Passion since

salmonella forced the destruction of

10,000 egg-laying hens that were their

The latest venture by the en-

trepreneurial sisters, chocolate making,

is at a standstill because an obnoxious

smell at their convent has been picked up

by the luxury product, making it taste

Officials from the Building Research

Establishment, a government agency,

visited the sisters' convent at Daventry.

Northamptonshire, yesterday to try to

detect the source of the bad odour in a

former stables converted for the produc-

The nuns have invested £90,000 in the

tion of high quality chocolate.

only income.

'like mothballs".

THE four main credit ref- Eric Howe, the registrar, Last erence agencies are to face month Mr Howe's office issued preliminary notices, the first step in the use of its statutory enforcement powers, mation to lenders about in- to the four main credit reference agencies, CCN Systems, Infolink, Westcot Data and Credit and Data Market-

which to argue why Mr Howe should not proceed to issue a formal enforcement notice, the start of legal proceedings under the Data Protection Act 1984, expired on Tuesday.

Yesterday the Data Protec-tion Office said: "We are close to taking a decision and expect to make a statement in the early part of next week." When he issued the preliminary notices, the registrar said he believed the practice was "a breach of the Act".

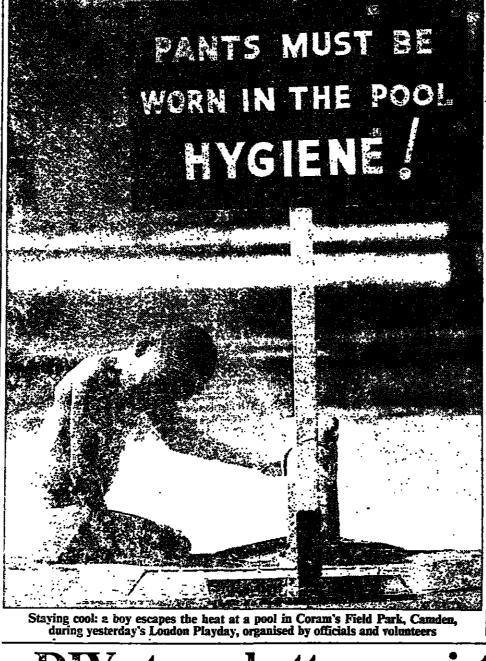
Agencies can appeal against any decision but if they lose. they must comply with the enforcement notice or face being struck off the data protection register, which would mean that they could no longer process personal

At present when a lender asks credit reference agencies for information on an individual, the agencies search their files on the basis of the current or old addresses quoted by the applicant, or even on the basis of similar addresses.

A lender may receive not nic minority people may be credit records of all members of an applicant's household. but also similar information about the occupants now living at the applicant's previous addresses. The lender might even receive credit records of others in the neighbourhood.

The credit reference agencies defend their practice and do not believe it is a breach of the law. Elizabeth Stanton, of the credit industry forum on data protection, said that data given to lenders, even if not directly relating to the credit applicant, is "statistically predictive" and "of some "statistically weight when assessing the probability of a person's repaying a loan".

store being opened in applications. Exmouth, Devon. The couple, both aged 59, will not be intimidated by in Cardiff which will also be bright young bloods plotting staffed by the not-so-young. their downfall for all the other 35 employees in the store will have lived for at least half a Industrial Society is expected



Stronger steps urged to save landscape

STRONGER measures are side". He said that the "not in

needed to preserve pio-turesque landscapes from further serious damage by tourists, farmers and developers, the Countryside Commission said yesterday.

In its first review of the subject in ten years, the commission, which advises the government on rural policy, said that public spending should be doubled on the upkeep and protection of the 7.460 square miles of England and Wales in 38 "areas of outstanding natural beauty".

Officers should be appointed to coordinate conservation with local authorities, and farmers in such areas who restore woodlands and hedgerows or graze cattle and sheep instead of growing crops, should be paid compensation, the commission says.

The commission also said that it was making progress with plans to designate four new areas of outstanding natural beauty: the Tamar and Tavy valleys in Devon and Cornwall, the Nidderdale Moors in North Yorkshire, the Blackdown Hills in Somerset and Devon, and the Berwyn Mountains in Wales.

Sir Derek Barber, the ssion's chairman, said that a more sophisticated management regime was needed to preserve areas of outstanding natural beauty, "these jewels of the country-

my backyard" attitude to rural development would lead to fossilisation of the

"We have to find a way of marrying the needs of a thriving rural economy with preservation of natural and wildlife habitats," he said. There was no doubt that areas of outstanding beauty had become the Cinderallas of the countryside, and he believed that the government was sympathetic to increased expenditure. About £4.5 million is spent each year on such areas, only 23 per cent of the amount spent on the ten national parks.

Richard Lloyd, the commission's head of planning, said that conservation efforts should concentrate on a dozen areas of outstanding beauty in the South which are under heavy pressure. He cited the Chilterns, Cotswolds, Malvern Hills and the Lincolnshire Wolds as areas of particular concern. It would be up to local authorities to make out the case for extra

The commission's policy tatement was based on an investigation of areas of outstanding beauty by Gerald Smart, head of arban planning at the University of London, and Margaret Anderson, senior lecturer in environmental studies at Wye College.

They said that because of a lack of monitoring they could not quantify the damage suffered by such areas. However, damage by agriculture was reported in most areas; overuse of footpaths and bridleways, crushing of vegetation by off-road driving and obtrusive caravan parks in about half, and disfigurement by mineral workings in a

third. Robin Maynard, countryside campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said that damage to areas of outstanding natural beauty would not be halted unless statutory controls were introduced. "The voluntary approach simply is not working," he said. "Local authorities should have the power to issue landscape preservation orders to prevent the destruction of woodland, hedgerows and other traditional

Guinness jury's plea for papers is rejected

The judge in the Guinness fraud trial yesterday refused a jury request to see transcripts tice Henry told the jurors: "It would actually be dangerous to give you this mountain of <u>material. I am afraid it might</u> swamp you."

The jurors, who retired on Tuesday to consider verdicts on four defendants at Southwark Crown Court, had asked to see transcripts of evidence from the main Crown witness, Olivier Roux, the former Guinness finance director, and from two other witnesses The judge said that there was a risk that, because the inters were not familiar with the transcripts, they might place emphasis on the wrong points and not take in counter-arguments. However, he told the jury: "You must feel free to ask if you want

reminding of anything. The jurors will today resome deliberations after their second night in an hotel.

Food additive to be banned

Foods containing a supplement that has has been linked to the deaths of 22 people in the United States are to be banned from sale in Britain from September 12, the health department said yesterday.

The supplement, tryptophan, has been used as a food additive to aid body building and to combat insomnia and pre-menstrual tension. The ministry advised people last year to avoid such foods unless medically prescribed.

Naval discipline Sub Lieutenant Mark Taylor, aged 24, was yesterday fined £500 by a Royal Navy court martial after be admitted butting lan Tyler, a radio operator. in a club in May. Earlier, John Merricks, a Navy engineering mechanic, was dismissed from the service and sentenced to three months detention, after admitting three charges of indecently assaulting a rating and exposing him to women.

Pollution fine

An engineering company which poisoned nearly a mile of river in Snowdonia, causing 21,000 fish to die, was yes terday ordered to pay £16,000 in fines and costs at Lianrwst crown court. DMM Engineering Ltd of Llanberis, Gwynnedd, was found guilty of two charges of polluting the Afon Caledfirwd, a tributary of the river Seiont. The court was told that replacing the dead fish could take five years.

Home loan fine

Fulfords Financial Services, the finance division of Fulfords estate agents, of Devon, was fined £7,000 at Barnstaple magistrates' court yesterday for making misleading mortgage offers. The group admitted seven summonses under the Consumer Credit Act concerning interest rate

Singer's farewell Exclusive coverage of Dame

Joan Sutherland's farewell operatic performance at the Sydney Opera House this October is one of the highlights of an antumn weekend arts line-up focusing on ballet, classical music and opera launched yesterday by British Satellite Broadcasting's NOW channel.

£16,500 for suit

A black leather stage outfit: worn by the pop singer Michand Jackson on the cover of his album Bad was sold for £16,500 by Phillips in London in a sale of pop memorabilia. The purchaser was the Hard Rock Cafe of Los Angeles.

Beer rises

The brewers Greene King yesterday announced price in-

DIY store shatters ageist myths

By Tim Jones, employment correspondent

ANOTHER blow in the battle open, in Macclesfield, a store also a better awareness of the made it pointless even to tomorrow when Vic Connell workers. It was so successful and his wife Maggie become that a nationwide advertising the manager and administra- campaign followed, which tion manager of a B&Q DIY brought more than 7,000

dling labour market by en- labour source. couraging older workers to

apply for jobs.

against ageism will be struck staffed entirely by mature

Later this year, the company will open another store published next week by the

century. B&Q has moved to to condemn British comcounter the threat of a dwin- panies for ignoring a vital B&Q's experience at

Last year, the company the over-fifties have a good and also delighted some work-became the first in Britain to understanding of DIY and ers who thought their age

need for customer service. Bill apply for a job. Whiting, B&Q's marketing director, said that Macclesfield had exploded many myths surrounding older workers who were allegedly over the hill.

"Their communication with customers is better, their turnover and absenteeism Meanwhile a report to be less. Their health is also good, which destroys another phantom of the ageism prejudice". He added: "This was a deliberate business decision as we saw that the labour market was declining. Fortunately, it Macclesfield has shown that has given us a surprise bonus

He said one daughter had written to the company saying her mother's life had been changed since getting a job. Mr Connell, who has worked with his wife for 40 years said: "Our staff, who have called themselves the wrinklies, are enthusiastic and raring to go." Earlier this year, a Gallup

survey for the Brook Street employment company said employers were turning their backs on a vast pool of experienced labour by aiming recruitment at workers aged under 35.

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Norwegians back rig strikes

North Sea oil and gas industries were yesterday given of misleading the public. the moral support of the Ronald McDonald, c chemical Workers' Union (Kerry Gill writes).

Terje Johansen, national secretary of the union, which shocked by some reports of safety problems in the UK ernment encouraged employees to be involved in platform safety issues. "I think it about time you had the same philos-manager of Chevron UK, said ophy in Britain," he said in that it wanted to instal the Dundee Initially, there will be Aberdeen.

Mr Johansen's backing of the unofficial action by the offshore industry liaison com- work is due to take place. The to hold at least 75 coxswain mittee came as the group delay was because strikes and 650 passenger courses

converted.

Nuns denied sweet smell of success

new enterprise, which has been at a halt

since March. The 13 sisters turned to

chocolate production after veterinary

officials from the agriculture ministry

destroyed their chicken flocks last Octo-

The nuns put aside their vows of

meekness and humility and locked

themselves in a hen-house in a defiant,

but failed attempt to stop the slaughter.

They claim the smell that is

jeopardising their new livelihood is

caused by a damp-proofing material

used when the chocolate room was

Sister Catherine, the mother superior,

"The chocolate is handmade and

tasted beautifully, but it now tastes like

said yesterday. "The smell is rampant

and the chocolate picks it up.

ber when salmonella was detected.

ORGANISERS of the wildcat Tuesday said that it was delaystrikes that have affected the ing a £20 million safety programme because of the strikes, Ronald McDonald, chair-

Norwegian Oil and Petro- man of the committee, claimed that the real reason for the delay was that a ship, chartered to fit eight sub-sea emergency shutdown valves represents 7,500 men working in Chevron's Ninian field, had. in the Norwegian sector of the run into technical troubles. He North Sea, said that he was also claimed that Chevron wanted to delay the safety work to enable the maximum sector. The Norwegian gov- amount of oil to be piped ashore at a time of high prices.

Chevron denied both accused Chevron, which on threatened safety on rigs.

Occidental yesterday said that its Piper B platform would be the first in the UK sector of the North Sea to have freefall lifeboats. The enclosed lifeboats can hold 45 passengers and are launched down specially built rails in two seconds.

The need for freefall lifeboats was highlighted by survivors of the Piper Alpha disaster at the inquiry chaired by Lord Cullen last year. The Robert Gordon's In-

stitute of Technology survival centre, based in Aberdeen, is to train people to use the lifeboats at its facility near the mouth of the River Tay, safety valves as quickly as a five-year training propossible and that prices might gramme for people working be higher next spring when the on Piper B. The centre plans over the period

motiballs. Everything is at a standstill."

Sister Catherine, an American, aged 83,

said a chocolate maker from Belgium

had visited the convent to teach the nuns

his intricate craft and the convent had

hoped that by now it would be selling the

for the chickens was not much, about

chocolate making, but we cannot spend

any more. We are running out. We

cannot think of any other way of making

She said she had been in touch with

the makers and added; "We hope we can

solve the problem, but we have called in

the Building Research Establishment to

She added: "The compensation we got

"We raised enough money to start

product for £10 for a 11b box.

£2.000.

a living."

see if it can heln."

ivory may fetch £1/4m By Michael McCarthy

Liverpool in 1878.

after an international ivory trade ban last year. He researched the wreck for two years and refuses to say where it is. "The ivory is in storage," he said. "It will take six to eight

Mr Lyster said: "It would be extremely

detrimental to our efforts to save the African elephant to have a ton of ivory come on the market. We are trying to get people not to buy ivory because it is ivory poaching that has halved the African elephant population over the last ten years." He said he would be writing to Mr Saunders urging him not to

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up on last year.

ficer, appealed to Fred Saunders not to sell 86 elephants' tusks retrieved from a wreck which sank in a collision 28 miles off Start Point en route from Africa to

haul was probably the only sellable ivory in the world

weeks to sort out the legal situation with the receiver of wrecks and then it will be | Spanish sold." He has received offers of around £250,000 from Japanese and Belgian dealers.

Salvaged GCSE results are published today and the table below gives a provisional breakdown of the national criteria subjects. Entries for all GCSE examinations was down by almost 8 per cent but the 4,245,147 entries in national criteria subjects represented a

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE World Wide Fund for Nature appealed to a Devon salvage merchant last night not to sell a ton of ivory, thought to be worth £250,000. which he has brought up from a wreck in the Channel

Simon Lyster, the fund's international conservation of-

Mr Saunders said that his

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much smaller drop. Pass rates for the top three grades were well

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Provisional results statistics in national criteria subjects

(Provisional results statistics for 1989 in brackets)

creases of between 7p and 10p for their beers. The Suffolkbased brewery, which controls 900 pubs, blamed inflation for the price rise.

Rights that go awry

Alan Ryan

ike most moderately liberal people of my age, I grew up with a simple, attractive picture of the British constitution. - It was happily nowhere written down. Happily, because everything depended on the good sense of politicians and the national genius for compromise. The 18th century had settled that Britain was governed by the rule of law, so we could all do whatever the law did not forbid. And although Parliament could in theory make laws about anything - even declaring it a felony to have red hair or an Irish surname — it could not happen in practice.

Doubts about the glories of the unwritten constitution were met with Mr Podsnap's rebuff: foreigners had written constitutions and see what a mess their politics were. The Soviet Union's 1936 constitution handed out all sorts of freedoms that the KGB would kill people for trying to exercise. The decolonised Third World was littered with torn-up constitutions guaranteeing free speech, free elections, an independent ju-diciary, and all the freedoms the

British had always enjoyed. The moral was obvious. Countries got as much freedom as the public and their leaders could bang on to. Liberal societies would guarantee themselves the kind of freedom prescribed in the US Bill of Rights or the European Convention on Human Rights. In illiberal societies, politicians would ignore people's written rights. courts would side with politicians. or the rules would be changed.

Over the past decade this has become less and less persuasive. The old British complacency may never have been justified. Today it is clearly quite unjustified. It is embarrassing to say the least that Britain holds the record for cases brought against its government in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and the record of adverse judgments there. Worse than this has been the erosion of the familiar Bill of Rights liberties. The 1989 Official Secrets Act subverts the freedom of the press in important cases; police action during the miners' strike was a denial of freedom of assembly, and the Police and Criminal Evidence Act of 1984 eroded freedom of the person.

The Spycatcher trials looked like defeat for the government, but the Law Lords conceded the newspapers' rights to publish only because the book was so wellknown that no further damage would be done by publication in Britain. The contrast with the United States since 1971, when The New York Times resoundingly won the right to publish Pentagon papers exposing the foliies and deceits of the men who embroiled America in Vietnam. could not be greater.

Cases like this make it necessary to press for a local bill of rights preferably by incorporating the European Convention on Human- at Princeton University.

Rights into British law. I am an early and loyal supporter of Charter 88, but the recent nomination of Judge David Souter to the US Supreme Court has brought on an attack of cold feet. As soon as William Brennan announced his retirement, battle lines were drawn between anti-abortion and pro-choice forces. The right-to-life movement demanded an appointee who would overturn Roe v. Wade and return the question of abortion to state legislatures, while their opponents threatened to give any such nominee a rough time in the confirmation hearings.

This is doubly crazy: crazy that the Supreme Court should be so politicised over one issue - and one can see why British judges are against going down the same track - but more to the point, crazy because abortion is the wrong issue for such treatment.

Between those who believe that from the moment of conception the deliberate termination of life is murder and those who believe that a woman has an absolute right over her own body and whatever it contains, there can be no truce Both dismiss as traitors those who think that society should be hesitant about interfering with what any pregnant woman de-cides, but who also think society can interfere for the sake of a future child, or to override the mother's judgment if it is selfdestructive, or even to uphold social values, such as not allowing abortion for sex selection. Yet are moderates of this kind.

We know we will not convince the extremists. What we hope is that compromises can be struck which keep the extremists out of each other's way. David Steel's 1967 Abortion Act was a classic piece of compromise legislation. It declared abortion criminal - except in some situations. The result is to allow those abortions to which the US Supreme Court decided in Roe v. Wade that women have a constitutional right. (The US court, meanwhile. had to rely on an already strained reading of the constitution's prohibition of unreasonable search and seizure as a positive right to

Creating complicated solutions to messy moral problems is what interaction between politicians and public is meant to achieve. To make too many issues a matter of non-negotiable rights and prohibitions simply encourages the bloody-minded "demands" for one thing and another in which American politics specialises. It also leads to politicians leaving all the difficult decisions to the courts, as increasingly happens in America. What is needed, if only somebody can find the recipe, is a charter of rights that entrenches our liberties without suggesting somehow be among them. The author is Professor of Politics

When he left having re-

measured, he promised to ring

me with a quote the following

day. He did. It was a blow, I

waited an hour and rang back,

accepting. He said he would not

charge for laying it, offered a 5

per cent discount for payment

within a fortnight. I told him

that he should charge me for

laving it: I would be uneasy at

the thought of his penury as a

consequence of selling me a new

carpet. He said he never

charged for laying; it was in-

cluded in the price. I said all

right then, agreed to go away for

two days while his men fitted it,

and promised to leave the place

Until the weekend I had not

considered the mechanics of

preparing an apartment for

carpeting. In my bedroom there

is a huge bed, one dressing and

two bedside tables, a tallboy,

some chairs and a cupboard. If I

put all those into the hall, what

to do with the hat-stand, book-

cases and wine racks? There was

no place for them in the sitting

room, which has easy chairs.

occasional tables, TV, VCR and

Matthew's old music-centre.

The only uncarpeted room is

In the end I decided to leave

everything where it was, filled

the refrigerator with Lowenbrau

lager for the carpet men, and

when they arrived on Monday I

apologised for not having done

more, gave them the spare keys

I returned to Wimpole Street

to the flat and left the country.

on Wednesday. There is an air

of stuffiness about the apart-

ment, of dust that has come up

and not seriously settled down,

rather like a Queensway ware-

house, only without the SALE

notices on the window. But

things are in place, more or less

where I had left them; the TV

has been moved a shade closer

to the window, a large pot

containing a gargantuan

mother-in-law's tongue was on

the staircase and is now in my

wife's study, and I think the

dining table used to be centred

beneath the Papas drawing of

the new carpet is exactly the

same as the old carpet: beige.

with dark beige and brown

What worries me most is that

Cork. I shall move it back.

the kitchen; the kitchen is full.

in a suitable state.

were threadbare; nearly 40sq ft under the bed

was in pristine condition, un-

trod by human foot. And

around the walls there was a lot

of good stuff, thick pile, springy

to the step. In the spare room

(where I now have a treadmill

and black-and-white television

set enabling me to walk for 25

minutes at just over four miles

an hour and watch Mr

Mosimann doing la cuisine

naturelle, which last week en-

tailed steaming an egg on a plate

with no directions on how to

prise it off), the carpet is what

the trade would call "as new"

but for a stain where Emma

spilt mulligatawny soup while

working on her A-levels, If I

were in second-hand carpets, I

would concentrate on those that

had adorned spare rooms in

flats of ungregarious people whose children have left home.

was under the dining table,

beneath my desk and on the

stairs, especially on the stairs, so

I rang my carpet man who had

fitted it only 11 years ago, told

him that I could be in need of

some replacement, certainly

quite a bit of repositioning. We

made an appointment for him

to come and advise, and by the

time he arrived I had worked

out that around 55 per cent

would have to go - probably get

snapped up by a first-time home

buyer at not much less than I

paid for it in 1979. Carpet man

began with some bad news: the

carpet that we had was a

discontinued line. Ours was sort

of beige, with dark beige and

brown streaks: the nearest he

could get was oatmeal with

Could we do the top floor by

piecing together the good carpet

from all over the flat - and have

the floor below covered in the

Was there, I asked, a journal

in which we could advertise for

the discontinued carpet - surely

still stocked in some country

with a merchant who would

make a decent offer for all my

discontinued carpeting if I re-

placed it? My carpet man had

no knowledge of such people's

existence: better carpet than

mine is apparently dumped on

Might he put me in touch

warehouse? He thought not.

hazelnut-coloured splashes.

new? He said no.

Where the carpet was poor

...and moreover

CLEMENT FREUD

nly parts of our carpet London pavements each week.

Martin Fletcher on American pride in confronting Saddam—and disillusion with all but Britain

Glory restored, but what of the cost?

s it stands on the brink of war with Iraq, the US has put aside the malaise and self-doubt of past months, and is grimly proud still to be the world's policeman. President Bush is enjoying some of the highest poll ratings of any president since Kennedy outfaced the Soviets during the Cuban missile crisis of 1962. The Pentagon boasts about a 7,000-mile movement of troops and equipment bigger than the Berlin airlift - almost 500,000 tons to date, equivalent, it is said, to moving the city of Jefferson, Missouri (population 36,000), down to the last car and

"All the talk about Japan or Germany being the new number one has faded quickly. The Iraq crisis shows that the US is the only true superpower," declares The Wall Street Journal. "The obituaries were premature," proclaims
The New York Times. "There is
still one superpower, and it is the
US. Washington is not the backwater that it seemed to some when the action was all in the streets of Prague or at the Berlin Wall."

The strength and value of the Anglo-American special relation-ship, has also been reaffirmed, and not merely because Britain was the first to back the US militarily. Mr Bush, whose attitude to Mrs Thatcher was noticeably distant compared with Ronald Reagan's, now appears incapable of mentioning her without an effusion of praise. "Thank God for allies and friends like Margaret Thatcher when the going gets tough," he declared on Monday.

The New Republic, mouthpiece of liberal Democratic opinion, records that "Thatcher's influence was critical" in the immediate aftermath of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait Mr Bush flew to Aspen, Colorado, that day not to fuffil a speaking engagement, but to con-

"Thatcher laid out precisely what Bush decided for himself the next day," the magazine reported. A Bush aide who attended the meeting said: "She was a big influence on the basic decision he had to make: what are the US and Western interests in the Gulf, are they long-term or short-term, and are they worth defending? She told

Bush they were towering, longterm and must be aggressively defended." The prime minister, he said, "never flinched".

In contrast to praise for Britain's support there has been a barelyconcealed dismay at the weakness of other industrialised nations. This crisis really exposed the hollowness of European pretensions," Bernard Lewis, a Princeton University historian, told The Washington Post. There is growing resentment at the "free ride" of Japan and West Germany, America's principal economic rivals. If the American military effort succeeds, they will enjoy reasonably priced oil having borne only a fraction of the US burden.

And burden it will be. Even before the Iraqis invaded Kuwsit and the US build-up began, the US economy was on the verge of recession and grievously handi-capped by a huge budget deficit. Now the dollar is falling fast. So is the confidence of investors.

Some officials now predict that the military costs and the economic slowdown could result in the largest budget deficit in US history, between \$250 billion and

\$300 billion. The US could soon be an uncomfortable economic testbed in which, for the first time. output will fall at a time when its budget deficit is stuck at around

one twentieth of GNP. Another shadow looms. For the resent the administration is heartened by the way things are going Despite United Nations hiccups over enforcing the trade embargo, international unity is holding up better than Washington dared hope. So too is domestic support, with polls showing 70-80 per cent public backing, though the congressional recess has meant almost no political debate.

The only real dissenters are those conservatives who dislike Arabs and Arab despots, do not believe it is in American interests to fight a foreign war that benefits economic rivals, and believe market forces would ultimately defeat attempts by a victorious Saddam Hussein to jack up oil prices.

Domestic and international support appears solid. But it needs to be. The very success of the international diplomatic action away from a pre-empive imi-lateral attack on Baghdad, for which the US air force has been itching. The more likely military scenario now is a mixed air and ground assault to retake Kuwait a mission which would take more troops, tanks and marines than are

at present in place. Some military sources say that US forces in Sandi Arabia will be at full strength for such an action in two weeks, others that it will take four times as long.

Today the secretary of state, James Baker, and the White House chief of staff, John Sununu, can report that both the diplomatic and the domestic froms are under control. But they may have to keep things that way for much longer. When congressmen return to Washington, so will the worties of their constituents.

At the centre of those worries sit the prisoners with whom Saddam Hussein hopes to play a cat-and-mouse game with his American enemy. While the applause still rings around the White House for the first act of the Kuwaiti drama, the hostage scenes of the play have

To lie, to creep, perchance to smarm, ay, there's the rub

may have missed it - one cannot read everything - but I have not yet seen a state-ment from Sir Dennis Walters, Lord Mayhew, Mr Michael Adams and Mr Andrew Faulds explaining that the Iraqi invasion is entirely the fault of Israel. It wouldn't be difficult: after all, everyone knows that Saddam Hussein's real name is Solomon Gluckstein, and his profession Israeli agent. His masters in Tel Aviv gave the word, 30,000 Israeli troops were flown into Baghdad disguised as door-to-door carpet salesmen, and lo! Kuwait is yet another part of the Israeli empire. which will stretch when complete from Calcutta to Hatton Garden.

I feel sure that in these tumultuous days the ancient hope, never abandoned, of the Foreign Office - the hope of seeing Israel erased from the map - has been quietly discussed. I am willing to bet (I shall be able to prove it in 30 years' time when the files are opened) that "position papers" have already been drawn up which advocate a solution based on persuading Saddam to withdraw from Kuwait in return for a free hand (and some discreet help) against the Israelis, while poor Douglas Hurd runs about trying to

Ian Mikardo, who had a roughish tongue, was once asked (I think on a radio programme) what were the Foreign Office's real concerns; he replied crisply: "Homosexuality and anti-Semitism."

Tut. Mik went too far, and I am exaggerating as usual. But when I see Saudi Arabia, one of the most abominable and lawless states on earth (it rates only 28 out of 100 in Charles Humana's B'orld Human Rights Guide) being touted, not least by Britain, as a pure and enlightened innocent in danger from a tyrant, I do long, in Bill Connor's famous words, for a quiet corner, a handkerchief, an aspidistra and the old heave-ho.

When, and why, did British foreign policy towards the Arab states cease to be one of patronising superiority and become the most creepy subservience? Except for Lebanon and Israel, I cannot think of any country in the Middle East, with however dreadful a government, which wears boots so dirty that our Foreign Office would refuse to lick them, and lick them enthusiastically and often. I am not so foolish as to suppose



Bernard Levin attacks Britain's record of kowtowing to the Saudis, a regime as intolerant as Saddam Hussein's

system of perfect democracy; simply being in the modern world involves bedfellows who snore, and not a few who are lousy. But what lasting good has the abnegation of our Arabist governments and civil servants ever brought us? Did the great oil price rise pass us by because we had been nice to the rulers of the oil states? Did they rush to support us in the Suez folly? When Iran instigated the attempt to murder a British citizen, did the other Arab nations condemn such barbarism? And now, when British citizens were being rounded up for hostages in Iraq, the Foreign Office at first advised them to go dutifully and at once to the place appointed by the tracis, carrying one small suitcase. Their predecessors would have advised German Jews in the Thirties to go without fuss to Belsen, and to make sure they brought a pair of striped pyjamas. What has any of our crawling gained for us, unless you enjoy seeing the Arab rulers' princelings, favourites and bastards coming to London for a few weeks' gambling, boozing and whoring?

Israel was founded; in the United States it is a criminal offence to take part in the anti-Israel Arab boycott, in Britain the Foreign Office eased its path. Nor can the Foreign Office, at least with a straight face, maintain that its enmity is a response to Israel's behaviour on the West Bank; shameful as Israeli behaviour has been, it does not approach some of the Arab atrocities, as the Kurds and others would testify.

If you want an example of this incomprehensible and profitless attitude on the part of successive British governments, you have only to go back to 1980 to see how deep the need to cringe and simper had already become. Re-reading, as I have been doing, the amazing affair of Death of a Princess casts a powerful light on the cowardice, as unnecessary as it was appalling, of British foreign policy.

Death of a Princess, written by Anthony Thomas, an experienced author, and screened by ITV, was based on a real event; in the uncivilised satrapy of Saudi Arabia (it is not a whit better today), a man and a woman taken in adultery were publicly killed. The

that we should ally ourselves only Foreign Office has been so im- woman, a princess, was shot, her took place in a carpark. Thomas had spent two years investigating the affair, as screened, it was an enquiry presented in dramaticform. In other words, it remained as close as possible to the events of the real killings.

Even before the film was shown, there were demands from Saudi Arabia to cancel the showing, with MPs. mostly the Arabists, joining in. (The ruler at the time was King haled, and if he had had his head cut off in a carpark it would have done Saudi Arabia nothing but good.) But that was nothing compared to what happened after the programme went out.

Saudi Arabia came close to breaking off diplomatic relations with Britain; the television company which had screened it was denounced as though it had advocated, or indeed organised. the execution of Princess Anne: international ripples became waves when first the Dutch, then the Americans, proposed to show the film on their own television: and the only minister who kept his head was Whitelaw, who made clear that Britain does, on the whole, have free speech, though he

did not go on to point out that Saudi Arabia does not.

All this was to be expected; the play was a serious attempt to reconstruct a merciless crime, and the noise would have been harmless nousense had it not been for but four apologies by the Foreign Office to Saudi Arabia. And that was not the worst. Among Britain's grovelling there was a stench, not just of a willingness to condone the original crime, nor of a shrug indicating that whatever we tnight feel about the killing of adulterers in Saudi Arabia it was no business of ours; no, some of the grovelling came close to a fawning admiration of the Saudis' commendable arritude to marital rectitude and the penalty for failing to observe it.

The apologies were accepted; the establishment standering of Anthony Thomas continued; and Saudi Arabia went on its tyrannical way. That is the nation which now demands that the civilised world defend it against the tyranny of Saddam, so that it can continue unabated the barbarous savagery of its own.

Perhaps we shall have to (see "bedfellows" above), but I hope we can be spared the bit about gallant, democratic little Saudi Arabia and its colourful customs, especially the free entertainment in its carparks.

Framed in

Baghdad

ismissing what it calls "these little local diffi-culties", the Iraqi ministry of culture is trying to recruit western artists for an international art festival in Baghdad in October under the banner "art for humanity". Britain, America, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are among the countries whose leading artists are being approached.

prizes worth a total of \$150.000 are not sufficiently tempting, the Iraqis are offering a sure-fire incentive to draw the artists and the crowds: the exhibition, it is stressed, will be graced by the presence of President Saddam Hussein himself. Yesterday the Iraqi Cultural Centre in Tottenham Court Road asked The Times if it would like to go along.

Previous exhibitions have attracted more than 1.000 works, and it was a Briton, Lance Smith, who won first prize at the last exhibition, in 1988.

The publicity for the show declares: "Baghdad, the country of peace, welcomes world artists." And Saddam says in an accompanying statement: "The artist is like the politician; both create life with progressive forms." David Kanikanian, exhibitions

director at the centre, says: "We are determined the exhibition will go ahead. It's very good prize money. It's a prestigious event." But he is coy about the identities of the British and Irish artists who have pledged their support. "! cannot give you their names. I will have to get written permission,"

he said. London art dealer Roy Miles is not impressed. "They must be mad," he says. "Only starving artists, tempted by the prize money, would consider going. And none that I have heard of are packing their suitcases yet." The Foreign Office has blunt advice for anyone thinking of going "Don't."

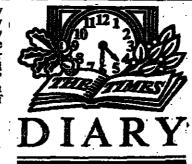
Turn it round and ask why the

• The acceptable face of Saddam Hussein, dressed in a smart western suit, with khaki and machinegun nowhere in sight, has meanwhile disappeared from the window of the Iraqi Cultural Centre. Was the removal of the beaming photograph a brave act of defiance by Iraqi dissidents? Alas not. "The frame is being replaced." There is nothing sinister about it." says a spokesman. "It will be put back when it is finished."

Old Vic stalls

obert Harris, one of the grand old men of British theatre, has fallen from favour at the scene of some of his greatest triumphs, the Old Vic. The 90-year-old Harris had a distinguished career there in a succession of Shakespearean roles among them Hamlet, Oberon, Prospero and Henry IV - but last night he was mysteriously refused two previously promised complimentary tickets for Derek Jacobi s acclaimed performance in Kean.

Philip Hoare, the company manager, could not say why the invitation had been withdrawn, but Donald Sinden, who had appeared alongside Harris at Stratford-upon-Avon, was per-plexed. "He was Mr Old Vic. he played all the great parts. He was one of its greatest actors."



Harris was philosophical as he settled down to an evening in front of the television: "It's a shame and I don't understand it, but after 90 years I couldn't care less."



Carey challenge

our months before Dr George Carey puts on the Archbishop of Canterbury's. mitre, his strongly anti-homosexual views are about to be tested by a survey showing 15 per cent of Anglican priests who replied to a survey are gay. The figure is contained in research conducted

by Dr Ben C. Fletcher, a leading occupational psychologist and head of the psychology division at Hatfield Polytechnic. The findings will be published in his book. Clergy Under Stress, and debated on Channel 4 years made

on Channel 4 next week.

Fletcher says the refusal to allow clergy to maintain homosexual relationships encourages promiscuity and increases stress. "Dr Carey will have to take on board the fact that a sizeable minority of clergy are homosexual, and that a large proportion of them are suffering extreme strain as a result." He thinks the new archbishop should commission a study of sexuality in religion, sponsor an independent, confidential advice and counselling service within the church and be more sympathetic to homosexual vicars in committed longterm relationships.

Both Dr Carey and the present archbishop, Dr Runcie, were sent a questionnaire as part of the survey. Neither replied.

Kapital

f you can't beat 'cm, join 'em. The fast-fading Soviet communist party has decided that in such times of upheaval it needs a more reliable bulwark against change than Marxism-Leninism. Rather than give up the vast financial resources it has built up in 72 years of unchallenged power, it has decided to set up its own-bank. The Kompartbank has applied to register as a commercial bank and hopes to make a profit of nearly 5 million roubles in its first year. After the Midland's recent disastrous performance, perhaps it should offer Sir Kit McMahon its

Shaw sewn up

iterary types attending Mi-chael Holroyd's lecture at the Edinburgh Festival tomorrow might perceive an extra spring in the writer's step and a sparkle in his eye. After 15 years working on his three-volume life of George Bernard Shaw, Holroyd is halfway through the final chapter of the last volume and hopes to complete it within six weeks for publication next autumn. Rather as a mountaineer approaching a peak dreams of green and grassy plains, Holroyd is planning an escape from all things Shavian.

"I feel extraordinarily relieved that I have been able to complete the course," he says from his west London study surrounded by a ceiling-high mound of documents. "I am going to take a long holiday and behave less responsibly than I have of late."

In recent months Holroyd has been working round the clock to complete the final phase, reading many of the ten letters per day that GBS penned throughout his adult life. He has also toured the world searching for important docu-ments to fill the jigsaw of Shaw's enigmatic character. When I started I had no idea it would take so long," he says. "But you fool yourself and go on."

Despite his jubilation at reaching the end of a very long road. Holroyd will not be able to shake off GBS just yet. He will spend next month promoting the paperback of the first, prize-winning volume and has still to assemble an appendix covering all three volumes. And the topic of his Edinburgh lecture? What else but The research and writing of the biography of GBS"?

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Renewed township fighting claims another 37 victims

FACTIONAL war resumed with new ferocity in South National Congress, whose Africa yesterday after the collapse of peace moves brought a night of terror to Johannesburg's battered townships.

Black mobs threw petrol bombs and bricks at peacekeeping security forces in townships around the city as rival factions overnight shot, stabbed or burnt to death at least 37 people, including a

Police said 444 people had been killed and more than a thousand wounded in ten days of battles between migrant workers supporting Chief Mangosuthu Buthlezi's Zulubased inkatha movement and township residents who in the

Lebanese power share amendment

Beirut - The Lebanese parliament has amended the constitution to ensure a greater share of power to the country's growing Muslim community and defuse the civil strife (A Correspondent writes).

The parliament, convening with 51 MPs, ratified a series of decrees aimed at restoring peace after 16 years' civil war, including enlarging the charu-ber from 99 to 108 deputies, with equal numbers of Mus-lims and Christians.

Ceasefire talks

Freetown - The West African peacekeeping force for Liberia delayed its departure from Sierra Leone pending the outcome of negotiations between the Economic Community of West African States and representatives of the rebel National Patriotic Front on a civil

Rebels bombed

Colombo - Air force planes bombed Tamil Tiger rebel-bunkers in an apparent pre-lude to a big assault in northern Sri Lanka. Two army battalions numbering up to 2,000 men began moving outof their camps. (Reuter)

Fire danger

Fires extended 12 miles between Bormes-les-Mimosas and St-Tropez. (Reuter)

hunting traditions. (Reuter)

From Reuter in vosloorus, south africa

deputy president is Nelson They come to kill us," said

a club-wielding Zulu migrant worker in Vosloorus, where 13 blood-covered bodies lay still smouldering around a migrant workers' hostel. Vosioorus residents sup-

porting the ANC were furious when it was suggested to them that Mr Mandela should hold peace talks with Chief Buthelezi. "Mandela must not talk. We must bulldoze the hostels," one said.

Police blanketed parts of Kagiso township in tear gas as black hordes seeking out migrant workers rampaged hrough streets strewn with rocks. One mob dragged a policeman from his car and stoned him before being chased off by riot police.

Residents reported tensions extremely high in Daveyton, Katlehong, Tembisa, Tokoza and Soweto, the largest black township where 115 people have been killed so far in the

Buthelezi face a growing chorus of demands for talks to end the war, condemned in a statement this week by the Organisation of African Unity. Archbishop Desmond Tutu of Cape Town cut short a trip to Canada to try to help end the fighting. "I am a pastor and I have to be with the people," he said at Jan Smuts airport outside Johannesburg. He said any meeting between Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi would have to be

The fighting marks the

spread of the conflict between Zulu Inkatha supporters and those who support the ANC. It has cost more than 4,000 lives in Natal in the past four years. Chief Buthelezi and Bantu Holomisa, a Mandela ally, appealed for peace in a joint

statement on Tuesday after talks with senior government ministers. Within hours Chief Buthelezi was blaming the ANC for the fighting while Mr Holomisa, military leader of the Xhosa tribal homeland of Transkei, blamed Inkatha and 'right-wing police". Chief Buthelezi said in a

statement on Tuesday: "The ANC must admit there is an actor called Inkatha . . . There must be immediate, instant, tween all black leaders so that all of them can condemn killing talk." Later he told reporters that although he was a man of peace "a warrior's blood flows in my veins". The South African Red

Striking a

blow for

'keep-fat'

lifestyle

From SAM KILEY

AMERICANS are daily en-

Now in its fourth year the annual Short and Fat Guys'

Road Race attracts men of

girth from all over the United

States and Canada to the hamlet of Crooked River

Ranch in Oregon. Compet-

downhill course from Eyeball

Hill to the Sandbagger Saloon

and are permitted to be "very

Bob Ward, aged 72, the

event's organiser, explained

that, as race steward, he is

laid-back about the event

"Anyone under seven foot is

short and fat - provided their

waist measurement is four and

a half inches more than their

inseam (inside-leg measure-ment). If it is not we just cut

their pants off and make them

The ratio is closely mon-

liberal about the rules".

"run" the one-mile

Cross said more than six hundred refugees daily fled the fighting around their township homes and sought shelter in churches and community centres. The local Red Cross was co-ordinating with the International Committee of the Red Cross to provide blankets and food, a

A teacher in Soweto's Pimville area said: "It's very, treated to give up smoking very uneasy. There's a strong and drinking, keep fit, take feeling in the community just more exercise and eat less to attack the hostels and get but the fatties are striking back with their own minithe Zulus out of here. Olympics.

"I look in my children's eyes and I see bewilderment. We think this fighting is going to be long term. Not weeks, or months, but years."

Moscow braced for Lithuania border protest

said yesterday he had moved planned mass drive across the frontier by Lithuanian Moscow nationalists

Lithuania's ruling Sajudis movement, pressing for com-plete independence from Moscow, has called on Lithuanians to gather at a camp near the Lazdijai border point today and march into Poland in protest against travel restrictions. Activists are also planning to cross from the Polish side.

"Sajudis is trying to take control of the state border," Lieutenant-General Valentin Gaponenko, commander of the Baltic border region, said. We have reinforced the border gnard and deployed extra including

equipment, armoured cars." Lithuania formally declared independence on March 11, insisting it was forced to join the Soviet Union in 1940.

Sajudis called the action to demonstrate against continued control by the KGB security forces of Lithuania's borders, airports and main seaport, Klaipeda.

It also marks 51 years since the secret Soviet-German pact that ended the republic's in-dependence. "The crossing

A SOVIET KGB commander will take place whatever the weather and however many extra troops and armoured divisions they send," cars to Lithuania's border Algimantas Chekuolis, a with Poland to deal with a Sajudis official, said in television statement quoted in esterday. "We will drive through (the

border point) like a herd of elephants, but nothing need be broken," he said. "What can they do to us? We won't be kicking open just the door to Poland, but the door to the whole of Europe." Lithuanians and Poles plan

"European cross-border rally" at camps on both sides of the frontier. On the eastern side there will be a Mass and an all-night rock concert. A chain of bonfires will be lit across Lithuania and the two other rebel Baltic states, Esto-

nia and Latvia. General Gaponenko told the defence ministry newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda that extremists planned to destroy border markings. He hinted that his forces would be willing to allow an orderly age by Lithuanians gathered at Lazdijai, a remote crossing set in gently rolling Lithuanian countryside. "We are prepared to make some concessions on documents. Perhaps on the day people can cross without visas, using just

their identity documents," he Supporters were due to begin gathering in tents near the crossing point on Tuesday and yesterday. But a Lithuanian journalist said from Vilnius that heavy rain had kept

people away so far. General Gennadi Bokach, the deputy chief of KGB border forces, was quoted by Tass as saying he would do and fat. So was Attila the Hun. everything possible to avoid a Genghis Khan did very well, repetition of scenes on the and not a lot of people know Soviet Union's southern bor- that Genghis means short and der with Iran earlier this year. | fat in Mongolian."

members of the International Inseam Checkers' Guild who, along with the ethics committee, also ensure that all competitors pull into the compulsory halfway pit-stop where beer and hot buttered sweetcorn is served. They also ensure that all "runners" cross the finishing line at the same

time on Saturday morning. Some forty men are expected to take part in the event. They can make it to the bottom of the hill however they wish. Large numbers in the past have sat in armchairs in the back of pick-up trucks driven by their wives. More athletic competitors are pushed in wheelbarrows or hitch piggy-back rides. Others

> all begin and end the race under their own steam. "We like to see them all cross the finishing line in one impressive, perspiring glob," said Mr Ward, who gives all those who complete the course a glass of beer and a twinkie, a chocolate and cream bun with almost no natural ingredients. Because of a skimpy budget all contestants have the same race number, 102, which keeps the printing bill to a

roll down the gentle incline on

a skateboard. But they must

minimum. "We're tired of looking at tall, skinny, well-muscled guys doing all the sports on TV. It is time to celebrate the short fat man and his contribution to history. Churchill was short



Pakistan has appointed Ma- from the army. According to a found guilty from taking part jor-General Asad Durrani, senior army general, the who was accused by the deposed prime minister extension of the army, created Benazir Bhutto as the man who plotted her overthrow, as the head of the powerful interservices intelligence agency.

General Durrani, who is a former head of military intelligence, has replaced General Shamsur Rehman Kalu, who has retired. His appointment reasserts the army's control over the agency, which not only ran the covert operation in Afghanistan, but was used by the late president, General Zia ul-Haq, to curb political opposition.

While she was in power, Miss Bhutto made substantial changes in the inter-services intelligence agency, which she described as a "state within a state". She sacked General Hamid Gul, the high profile pro-Zia head of the agency, in May last year, and appointed a retired army officer in his

Her interference was resented by the military high

out pomp and circumstance.

It did not appear to be a

coincidence that, in a cere-

mony in Tiananmen Square

the same day, his annointed

successor. Jiang Zemin, the

general secretary, lit a birth-

day candle with a difference:

The mass killing on June 4

last year and recent political

and economic stagnation have

harmed Mr Deng's reputation.

The choice of Peking to hold

the Asian Games next month

is seen as one of his biggest

achievements, a diplomatic

coup aimed at restoring Pe-

The Chinese leadership has

king's tarnished image.

the Asian Games torch.

THE caretaker government in attempt to split the agency powers to disqualify any MP charged with hijacking and intelligence agency was an to work as a clandestine security organisation, and Miss Bhutto's action was aimed at putting it under the civilian control. The issue

remained a focus of conflict between Miss Bhutto and the The inter-services intelligence agency may now be used been made in the civilian Intelligence Bureau, and

Bhutto appointees have been

dismissed. The deputy direc-Masood Sharif, was arrested by the army soon after Miss Bhutto's dismissal on August 6. Meanwhile, the interim government has announced it

is setting up special tribunals to try members of the dissolved National Assembly accused of corruption. The tribunal, headed by high court command, which saw it as an judges, will have sweeping

Uninese snow of unity in

run-up to Asian Games

From Catherine Sampson in Peking

DENG Xiaoping, China's el- talked of little but the Asian minister, believed to regard

der statesman, celebrated his Games, which open on Mr Jiang as an arch-rival. The

86th birthday yesterday with- September 22, and the torch- two usually try to upstage each

facilities and scraping together

of funds. Yesterday's cere-

carried out with an air of

religious reverence in front of

was inelegantly deflated as

peace, and a military band

there were few spontaneous

smiles among the carefully

vetted audience, who had

been issued with scarves and

bunches of flowers to wave

mechanically as athletes car-

ried torches from the square.

and supposedly towards the

Veteran hardliners Presi-

dent Yang Shangkun and

Wang Zhen, the vice-presi-

dent, were not at the cere-

mony, suggesting that they

might have been celebrating

Mr Deng's birthday with him

in private. Mr Deng is of-

ficially retired, sometimes

vanishing for months and

mony was Li Peng, the prime germs".

four corners of China

lighting ceremony was seen as other during media appear-

the climax of months of ances. Observers wondered

frenzied building of sports why the Communist party

mony was a strange speciacle, Games has little to do with the

a giant blow-up panda which such a high-profile event.

soon as the event was over. Games the leadership is trying

Thousands of carrier pigeons desperately to turn a face of

were released as messengers of stability and unity to the

played up-beat music. But tionalism. As during the Cul-

then reappearing to chuckle at toon, may shake his head

Most notable for his ab- declaring "Every mouthful of

sence from yesterday's cere- spit contains millions of

who down.

in the forthcoming elections. Miss Bhutto has refused to appear before a special court. She said that it was a conspiracy to keep her and other

leaders of her party from

taking part in the elections. Miss Bhutto was received arrived in Lahore earlier this countrywide tour. She accused the caretaker government of intimidating her party. She is expected to meet

General Aslam Beg, the chief of army staff, on August 28. A Peshawer high court bench is to hear a constitutional petition against the dismissal of Miss Bhutto's government and dissolution of the National Assembly by the president. The petition has been filed by Ifukhar Gilani, the law minister in Miss Bhutto's government.

Hijackers' trial: The 11 Russians who hijacked an Aeroflot jet and surrendered to Pakistan authorities on Monday will be tried by the local court. They will be

leader had been chosen to light

the flame when the Asian

party. Why, moreover, would

Mr Li choose to be absent at

In the run-up to the Asian

world, and to hide its fac-

tural Revolution, it is only

things like leadership line-ups

at yesterday's ceremony which

offer clues on who is up and

If a power struggle is raging,

it is unlikely to come into the

open until after the Asian

Games. Until then the more

practical challenge of making

Peking a capital worthy of

facing wealthier Asian visitors

is all-important. Peking's local

newspapers recently encour-

aged residents to "bludgeon to

death" pet dogs, which dirty the environment, and to stop

spitting. Mr Deng himself,

famous for his chair-side spit-

sadly at the street banners

possession of illegal arms. The maximum sentence for hijacking under Pakistani law is death.

According to a report, the hijackers, who came from Yakut Soviet Socialist Republic in northern Siberia, appeared before magistrates on Tuesday. Pakistan earlier denied that the hyackers would be extradited to the Soviet Union. Under Pakistani law the hijackers can only be tried

Pressure grows for Bhutan freedom

From A Correspondent IN KATHMANDU

DRAWING inspiration from the democratic events in Eastern Europe and the success of the pro-democracy movement in neighbouring Nepal, the pposition to King Jigt Singye Wangchuk's government in Bhutan is increasingly demanding democracy.

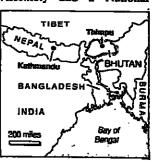
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The exiled Bhutan People's party announced in Kathmandu yesterday it was calling for demonstrations beginning on August 26 against the "despotic" regime, demand-ing freedom, democracy and human rights. The party said the regime had suppressed the people and blatantly violated human rights.

The party submitted a memorandum to the king on July 2 demanding democracy, but the government in Thimpu, the capital, seems determined not to give in to the demands. The king was recently quoted as saying that a pro-democracy movement would not constitute a threat to his government as had happened in Nepal, where King Birendra bowed to violent protests last April and restored the multi-party system after 30 years of non-party politics.

The Bhutanese government cites political reform such as the existence of a National



Advisory Council, but critics say that the assembly is dominated by the king's nominees and has no real legislative

pro-democracy demands as "anti-national and seditious".

Nepalese settlers, who are

Influential sections of the cracy. But observers here believe it is unlikely that the government will do so, especially in view of its own domestic problems.

Hard sell fails to soften up East Germans

Deng: keeping low profile

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

WEST German advertisements are met with "bewildered amazement" and incomprehension by East Germans, who also uniformly reject as patronising any West German television commercials aimed at them, the Hamburg office of Lintas, the advertising agency, has found.

The most common response to West German advertisements for consumer goods, financial services and do-it-yourself equipment was: "I simply had to go out: I couldn't take it Those swine, they kept it all from

us, we weren't supposed to see it," was the next most popular reaction of the 60-odd participants, who spent four weeks in May convincing Lintas that "brand literacy" was too much to hope for. Jurgen Stolte, conducting the study as head of strategic planning and research at Lintas Hamburg, said: reproduce advertising messages or name any advertised brands - even in negative manner. Some people might know the brand names, but they don't know what brand offers what." A female participant from Dessau summed it up: "We have always watched your advertising, but

Herr Stolte said many of the participants suffered from "undefined and undifferentiated fears" about the "brutality" of the capitalist system which "at times assumed a psychotic character". He said some of the East Germans' conclusions also seemed bizarre. "When the new money is here we'll be standing in front of the savings bank at four o'clock in the

morning," a participant said. East Germans, young and old, from small villages and big cities, tend not to understand the point of "hiestyle" a West German Gillette commercial showing men holding babies has to do with razor blades," said Herr Stolte.
"They want an ad that says, This product is used to do this'."

The East Germans are also sensitive to advertising they know has been aimed at them, putting advertisers in a quandary. "They don't understand West German ads, which they can see on television, but they don't want special ads for themselves. They don't want the West to think

As a result of its research Lintas has decided it must support television and radio advertising with printed material on what a product is for. It will also make its commercials longer but less frequent, because of unanimous complaints from East Germans about

"They haven't developed the Western immune system to advertising They listen carefully to everything.

Can't you think up anything new? I'm always hearing the same thing over and over again on the radio"." • SCHWERIN: East German police here said yesterday that they were investigating the murder of a Soviet soldier shot in the chest with a Kalashnikov sub-machinegun while on guard duty last week. The murder of Oleg Kosbar, aged 19, at Perleberg in the north of the country, appeared to be the latest in a series of shootings involving Soviet soldiers based in

East Germany.

A West German radio station quoted Soviet officers in Perleberg on Tuesday as saying that two other soldiers had been shot dead in the south this month. Shots had also been fired three times at guard posts, but nobody was hit, it said.

The murder squad in Schwerin, near Perleberg, said it had been called in to investigate the Kosbar case even though the shooting was inside a Soviet military base.

Assembly and a National

authority. The state-run newspaper Kuensel, the only legal publication in the small Himalayan kingdom, recently described

leading the demands for democracy, form about 45 per cent of Bhutan's population of 1.3 million. The Bhutan People's party says that it plans to achieve its goals through nonviolence but warns that the. government might try to suppress the movement by force. Nepalese press in Kathmandu, and other political: organisations here, have suggested that the Nepalese government should support the : Bhutanese struggle for demo-

war ceasefire. (Reuter)

Marseilles - About 5,000 residents and tourists were vacuated as forest fires raged along the French Mediterranean coast, firemen said. Ten homes and a camping ground were burnt as flames swept the Calanques hills and reached the suburbs of Marseilles.

Orders to shoot Delhi - The Indian army has been told to shoot curfewbreakers on sight in the northeastern state of Nagaland, where more than 50 people have died in clashes between tribesmen with head-

Korea arrests

Seoul - South Korea announced that 48 people had been arrested, including 10 soldiers, for attempting to topple the government and create a socialist state. The National Police Headquarters said that the 48 had formed an organisation called the Revolutionary Working Class Fighters' Federation. (Reuter)

On trial: Nich Ceausesch, son of the executed Romanian dictator, listening to defence witnesses after the hearing of charges against him resumed this week. The three children cally whether he ordered secof Nicolae Ceansescu were reunited yesterday for the first time since last December's December. revolution (Tim Judah writes).

Valentin and Zoe

Ceausescu, who await trial on

charges of tax evasion and

damaging the national econ-

last week. Yesterday they

came to Sibia, in Transylva-

nia, to watch their brother's court case. Nicu Ceausescu. formerly the Communist party first secretary of Sibiu, is charged with genocide; specifiurity forces to shoot on demonstrators in the town last

In Covasna, also in Transylvania, a French basinessman has taken over a palace, used 28 2 hunting lodge by Nicolae Ceausesco, for a daily rent of omy", were released from jail \$1,800 (£830). He plans to open a beer factory in the "We found a complete inability to

what use was there in remembering any of n?"

overkill". advertisements. "They can't see what

they are idiots," Herr Stolte said.

said Herr Stolte. But all of them said.



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LOGIC OF WAR

For the first time since the Tet offensive in 1968, American reserves have been recalled to active military service. Technically, the United States is not yet on a war footing. It is applying diplomatic pressure backed by military enforcement of sanctions. But there can be little doubt that if defeating President Saddam Hussein should require troops, domestic and international support has rallied behind the American leadership to a degree which might not, as weeks turned to months, be sustained. The temptation is growing to seize this "window of opportunity".

Does this validate President Mitterrand's assertion on Tuesday that, from the first minute of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, the world entered into "the logic of war", a progression from which it will be difficult to escape "without renouncing the fundamental objective of the defence of law"?

The "logic of war" is a powerful phrase, recalling the sense of inevitability that preceded the first world war, the role of such inflexible factors as the railway timetable in the mobilisations that made conflict impossible to avoid. In the handling of any danger as grave as that with which Iraq has presented the world, the time may come when calculations of military advantage weigh more heavily in decisions than the necessarily imprecise assessments of diplomacy, and military precautions against bloodshed become instead preparations for the shedding of blood.

The question is whether that stage has been reached. Is there yet more room for compromise, pragmatism and even the unexpected than are dreamed of in Cartesian philosophy? Should not the rest of the world be prepared still to talk to Saddam Hussein? President Mitterrand, who for all his cultivation of the Cartesian spirit and statesmanlike aloofness is as shrewd a pragmatist as has ever occupied the Elysée, is not alone in believing that the room for diplomatic compromise has vanished. Iraq is clearly obliged under international law, reinforced by UN resolutions, to withdraw unconditionally from Kuwait and release all foreign civilians.

The contention that if the world wants Kuwait to be set free it should talk to its jailer would be stronger had not Saddam proved, with his solemn promises not to invade

Kuwait hours before his forces struck, that his word is worth nothing whatever. In that sense the Americans have merely stated the obvious in rejecting Tuesday's offer of direct talks "without preconditions" by Iraq's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, on the ground that there is nothing to talk about.

How then to effect an Iraqi surrender before Western publics weary of medieval siege, and Iraqi propaganda erodes the position of Arab leaders with their publics? Pragmatism has limits, even in the Arab world: Jordanian and Palestinian mediation (based on such ideas as incomplete withdrawal by Iraq and partial restoration of the al-Sabah family under a different head of state) cannot be treated as serious. Any such deal would reward Iraq's aggression. Pragmatism might yet ally with the unexpected, as Iraq's military commanders weigh the mounting odds against them, to attempt another coup against Saddam, but there can be no guarantee of that, or of their success. Short of Saddam's overthrow, he must either be forced back, or change his mind and withdraw voluntarily.

Today, that appears impossible, but Saddam is notoriously opportunistic. Under duress, he has changed his mind before: in 1975, when he signed the Algiers agreement with Iran, and last week, when he abruptly accepted Tehran's peace terms.

To justify aggression against fellow-Arabs in the name of pan-Arab leadership was an enormous political gamble. Most Arab leaders have ranged themselves against Iraq. Now even the Palestine Liberation Organisation, scenting failure, is distancing itself from Baghdad, and President Gadaffi has reversed his position to condemn the invasion of Kuwait and the holding of civilian hostages, even saying that Libya would, if asked, join a United Nations naval blockade.

Saddam must, therefore, be tempted to raise the stakes (possibly by destabilising Jordan with the aim of drawing in Israel) or to try to pluck some rhetorical victory out of the jaws of failure. There are signs that Baghdad has begun to look for ways to do the latter. Because Saddam understands the "logic of war", the world's best prospect of escaping its most hideous consequences is to press forward coolly with preparations for Saddam's defeat.

JAPANESE JITTERS

The Tokyo stock market, already feeling distinctly fragile, yesterday had its ninth largest fall ever. Japanese shares have lost over 35 per cent of their value since the start of the year, nearly half of that since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Analysts say there is worse to come. If so, the effects may spread beyond Japan to the rest of the world.

Tokyo has suffered more from the Gulf crisis than any other major stock market, mainly because Japan is more dependent on imported oil from the Middle East. But underlying the jitters in Japan is a deeper worry about the soundness of the country's banks. This is a worry that the international financial community should share.

Eight out of the ten largest banks in the world are Japanese. They have become the world's biggest lenders. America relies partly on Japan to finance its budget deficit: 10 per cent of bidders for US Treasury bonds at the most recent auction were Japanese. And in the past few years, Japanese banks have moved into domestic corporate lending, both in Britain and America, often offering lower rates of interest than the competition in order to carve out a market share.

But because of falls in the Tokyo stock market, the big Japanese banks are starting to look just a little less credit-worthy than once they were. All banks have to show they have a certain proportion of money backing their lending. The problem arises over what is allowed to count as "money". Under new international rules, banks are now allowed to count up to 45 per cent of their unrealised profits on shares as part of their capital ratio. This has been a boon to the Japanese in particular, they are large investors in the stock market and often own big crossholdings in other companies.

As the stock market falls, however, their capital base erodes. Already one of the big

American credit-rating agencies has downgraded the status of two Japanese banks. That means they are considered somewhat less likely to be able to pay their debts. More important to the rest of the world is that the smaller the banks' capital base becomes, the less money they will be able to lend.

The effects of this belt-tightening are already starting to be felt. Eurotunnel has been trying to persuade its Japanese bankers to come up with their share of the latest £2 billion refinancing, so far with little success. If the Japanese fail to deliver, the refinancing is almost certainly doomed.

If Japanese banks contract their lending, it will mainly be at the expense of overseas business. International lending tends to be less profitable, because it is more competitive, than lending at home. Besides, as the dollar falls, and Japanese interest rates rise, lending in venlooks more attractive than lending in dollars. Japanese interest rates have already risen by 1½ percentage points since the beginning of the year, and the bond markets believe they are set to rise again.

An interest rate increase will only exacerbate the problems the banks already face. It will dent the morale of the stock market still further, and put pressure on property speculators, to whom the banks have lent heavily. The banks will find themselves drawing back from new overseas entanglements. As the smooly of lending from Japan diminishes, interest rates in other countries will rise.

Worst affected by this trend will probably be America. Cassandras have predicted a flight of capital out of New York and back to Tokyo for several years. So far, it has not materialised. But pressures on Japanese investors are growing. If anything can concentrate the mind of the Washington legislators on reducing the American budget deficit, it should be the falls on the Tokyo stock market.

A WRINKLE OR TWO

Sir Crispin Tickell, Britain's permanent representative at the United Nations, is due to retire on his 60th birthday on Saturday. He has a bright future ahead of him no doubt, but should things go wrong, he might like to know that the DIY supermarket chain B&Q has

vacancies for the over-fifties in Cardiff. Sir Crispin has manfully applied appropriate British scorn to the misbehaviour of Iraq in the UN Security Council in recent days, but his first and gentler love is the environment, to which cause he is credited with having converted the prime minister. However, the consequences for the environment of any conflict in the Gulf is not the British Government's primary concern, so the greater wheeler-dealer skills of Sir David Hannay, Sir Crispin's designated successor and currently Britain's man in Brussels, may be more useful as the Gulf crunch approaches.

Like Sir Crispin, Sir David too will be expected to retire at 60, a use-by date to which the Foreign Office likes as few exceptions as possible. One such was Sir Antony Acland, UK ambassador in Washington, who was temporarily exempted from the rule on his 60th birthday earlier this year because of his "special relationship" with the Bush administration. Such exceptions should be more

common. Retirement at 60 applies to all civil servants. The fact that many may be at or hardly past their prime explains why strict and complicated rules have had to be introduced to control their future careers in industry or pusiness. This is something of a contrast to the vay modern society usually regards its more nature members. On the one hand they are highly sought after to leaven a board of directors with their wisdom and experience. On the other hand commerce and industry still seems stuck with the nonsense of "too old at 50". Many a personnel manager - themselves perhaps in their 50s - would have to plead guilty to discrimination against others of their own age. It is time they saw it makes no sense. Congratulations, therefore, to B&Q, for breaking the mould; and may their profit margins ever grow.

The company opened a store in Macclesfield last year staffed entirely by "mature workers". It said yesterday they have proved better at communicating with customers, their absenteeism is lower, their health good, their contribution to turnover exceptional. They understand DIY too. Above all, of course, they understand people. The bias against the older employee in other companies suggests a worrying discounting of such skills in British marketing. To sell a gadget to Mr Jones, to plagiarise an educational aphorism, requires not just understanding the gadget but also understanding Mr Jones. To be the same age as Mr Jones is a head start.

The economic statistics indicate that it is the over-50s who are beginning to inherit the earth. They have the surplus cash, the spending power and the wisdom to use it discerningly. The squeeze of the demographic time-bomb the declining number of young people coming on to the job market - will only gradually force employers to re-examine their "ageist" prejudices - unless, that is, the age group that is the object of such prejudice realises it has the economic power to force the pace, by choosing where it shops.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keeping up world pressure on Iraq Unanswered questions on exams From Mr M. J. Dixon The British Government rec-

Hussein.

behaviour.

Yours etc.,

August 20.

ROBERT ADLEY.

Janet Williamson

House of Commons.

ognises the West Bank as Jor-

danian territory, illegally invaded

and occupied by Israel. So it is: as

is Kuwait by Iraq. Saddam Hus-

sein is an apt pupil of Shamir,

whose occupying army is equally

entrenched in southern Lebanon

and Syrian Golan.

If General Farrar-Hockley is prescient he will be reflecting on

the Arab world's perception of the

can condone Iraq's unspeakable

Sir, The world's five leading arms-

the United Kingdom and China -

are also the five permanent mem-

bers of the United Nations Sec-

unity Council. In recent days that

Council has exercised itself in an

attempt to resolve the crisis in the

itself late-night emergency meetings in the future if collectively

and individually the governments

of its permanent members sought

to disengage from the dangerous

business of trading in death, a

business that has so often re-

Campaign against Arms Trade,

Lawyers' efficiency

Sir, The reports by your legal

correspondent and your leader, "A surfeit of lawyers" (August 16), prompt me to remark that if

solicitors (rather than very junior

cierks) really do "regularly attend

when they are not needed", then,

on current legal aid allowances,

those solicitors must either be mad or near bankruptcy or both.

resentation is, for solicitors, the

worst paid branch of the law. That

is why, in my practice, save and

except in serious or complicated

cases, the least qualified and most

junior clerk is sent to instruct

system that demands such a level

that can be expected by a client

who faces the possibility of a term

of custody. To send no one to court could amount to a derelic-

tion of duty.

Yours sincerely

SIMON PARRINGTON,

12 White Friars, Chester,

From Mr Colin Watts

often quite monstrous.

Yours faithfully.

COLIN WATTS.

37 Milton Road.

Ware, Hertfordshire.

Wayman-Hales (Solicitors),

Preserving viaducts

Sir, I read with interest the article

in Saturday Review (August 18) dealing with the preservation of disused railway viaducts. Why

preserve? The aesthetic qualities

of these structures are at best

doubtful, and their intrusion into

the landscape at points of great

natural beauty (almost invariably

the only places they were needed)

Trying to find a use for railway

viaducts is compounding a crime

already committed, and seems

much like finding a use for the M6.

if and when the motor vehicle

becomes obsolete. We must re-

move these blots on our land-

scape, not list and preserve them.

value for money and the

It is my view that this is both the most that can be expected by a

Legally-aided crown court rep-

From Mr Simon Parrington

bounded against them.

JANET WILLIAMSON

(Joint Coordinators),

11 Goodwin Street,

Finsbury Park, N4.

August 20.

Yours sincerely

ANN FELTHAM

The Council could well save

Sir. Despite the criticism in your newspaper and elsewhere of the US decision to "enforce" an economic blockade against Iraq, it may well be lawful under international law. The error of the criticism is to see the US action as enforcement of the United Nations sanctions, although this is what

some members of the Bush

Administration unwisely called it.

While it is quite true that the United States has no power to enforce UN sanctions without specific Security Council authorisation, Resolution 661 itself expressly states that nothing therein shall restrict the right of collective self-defence. In this case, there-fore, the crucial question is whether the blockade can be said to be an act of collective selfdefence of Kuwait undertaken at the request of its legitimate gov-

I would have thought it at least arguable that it is and that the "interdiction" is lawful, irrespective of any action the UN has taken or may take to enforce its own blockade. The US-led blockade may well enforce UN sanctions indirectly, but it has its own justification.

Yours etc., MARTIN DIXON, Robinson College, Cambridge.

From Mr Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch (Conservative) Sir. General Farrar-Hockley ("How Saddam's army can be beaten", August 20) contemplates the reactions to an Iraqi attack on Israel via Jordan: "Syria and Egypt would soon be obliged to join such a venture". In the same edition you report that "Israeli troops shot dead a Jordanian soldier 17 miles from Jericho on the West Bank".

John Huston recalled From Sir John Woolf

Sir, In defence of John Huston's posthumous reputation I must refute some of the defamatory statements made in the interview with Clint Eastwood which you published in Saturday Review (August 18).

My company, Romulus Films, was the co-producer of The African Queen with Sam Spiegel's Horizon Pictures and my company was responsible for the entire production cost other than the salaries of Huston, Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn, which were the responsibility of Horizon Pictures.
Far from costing \$4 million, the

certified cost of production, apart from Horizon's contribution of \$600,000, was in fact £248,000. This compared with a budget of £213,000. Had Huston been so obsessed with elephant hunting that he had allowed it to delay the start of production, as Clint Eastwood's rather dull film takes two hours to depict, the budget would clearly have been considerably exceeded.

Far from mortaging his London house, as your interview alleges, Sam Spiegel had never owned a house in London. The stars' and the director's living expenses at Claridges were included in the budget for which my company was

After the great success of The African Queen, which has made it classic. I produced two further films with Huston which I most certainly would never have embarked upon had be been the tiresome and irresponsible egomaniac your interview and Eastwood's film make him out to be. The Eastwood interpretation, apart from voice and mannerisms, is a complete misrepresentation of Huston's character as I found it to be. He was a truly great man.

Yours sincerely. JOHN WOOLF (Chairman), Romulus Films Ltd., 214 The Chambers, Chelsea Harbour, SW10. August 20.

Poverty figures From the Director of the Child Poverty Action Group

Sir, I am afraid that Dr David Green of the Institute for Economic Affairs ("Poverty figures 'doctored', report, August 20) has got his facts about the Child Poverty Action Group wrong.

As the former Secretary of State for Social Security, John Moore, has acknowledged, CPAG "are always scrupulous in defining their terms" (letter to CPAG, May 25, 1989). We have not defined "one-third of the country as poor". We do not include "those above the benefit level as poor".

We have for many years defined those on supplementary benefit and below as poor - as it appears

Expertise at the top

From Mr J. B. H. Byfield Sir. Rear-Admiral Bell's letter (August 13) raised the expected wry smile from this (long-retired) serviceman. For the "abatement rules" implemented by the Treasury and the Department of Social Security are far-reaching, even if a common thread of opportunism and parsimony can be discerned throughout.

My particular example concerns the rules (K6705/DB) affecting those unemployed persons over the age of 55 who derive (possibly all) their income from an occupational pension regarded by the DSS as "deferred earnings". The fact that employees have, as Admiral Bell writes, earned their pensions and, during the preceding years, forgone the financial advantage of the money invested Dr Green himself does. Those up to 40 per cent above this benefit level we have defined as "on the margins of poverty".

We have said that those on supplementary benefit fall further behind the rest of the population if their benefit does not rise in line with average incomes. (The latest figures show that the bottom 10 per cent saw their incomes rise by a meagre 0.1 per cent after housing costs between 1979 and 1987. compared with over 23 per cent for society as a whole).

ours sincerely FRAN BENNETT, Director. Child Poverty Action Group. 4th Floor, 1-5 Bath Street, ECI. August 20.

in the pension fund is apparently

irrelevant The rules make no distinction between normal retirement and enforced early retirement or redundancy (my italics); neither do they apply to unemployed persons under 55. But for those men with a maximum of ten years to state retirement (only five for women) their sole mistake is to-have used the employer's pension-fund manager to invest their savings and not someone else. Virtually all other sources of income are disregarded

by the DSS. The outcome of this is that unemployment benefit is clawed back, pound for pound, against occupational pension until the

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From Mr Eric Dehn

Sir. As examination results emerge, statistics will be bandied about proving whatever the statisticians wish them to prove. As a retired examiner I can reveal without, I hope, seeming to indulge in the popular pastime of "leaking", or in any way prejudic-ing the nation's security — certain insider dealings and past machinations by examination boards.

double standards towards acts of There was the board that always illegality in the Middle East, failed 20 per cent of candidates on condemned in United Nations the grounds that, if papers turned resolutions, the ignoring of which out to be too difficult or too easy, may have emboldened Saddam standards could thus be consistently maintained (when the prac-That having been said, nothing tice became known schools entered a multitude of morons to fill the 20 per cent). Other boards stuck to an absolute pass standard of, say, 50 per cent. (This wasn't immutable: "Hey,", said the chief examiner to me, "you've failed everyone in such and such a From Ms Ann Feltham and Ms school. They are new customers and this will be excessively discouraging.").

Another board asked examiners exporting countries - the Soviet Union, the United States, France,

to mark a hundred papers and then indicate what they considered the pass mark should be for that particular year. The suggested target figures were averaged out and grades adjusted accordingly.

Today continuous and internal

assessments play a more domi-nant role and thus invalidate comparisons with the past. Yours sincerely, **ERIC DEHN** 5 Trelawney Road, Bristol, Avon. August 16.

From the Chief Executive of the Polytechnics Central Admissions System

Sir, I can sit back no longer and watch private entrepreneurs rip off school leavers and their parents by trading on their anxieties about higher education entrance, following the publication of Alevel results.

A mythology is now being created that to get into polytechnic, university or college is so complicated that if worried applicants do not buy books or pay for consultations or attend travelling road-shows, they will be sunk without trace in the "scramble" for places. The concept of creating a market and then selling services or products to fit it is well understood, but to do so when young people and their families are at their most vulnerable is reprehensible.

I know of private advisers who follow their own vested interests by, for example, setting out to

Sir, The vocabulary of "national reveals a semantic problem which exacerbates HIV/Aids education. The Director General of the British Safety Council very reasonably recommends that women should "make sure their partner always used a condom during intercourse, irrespective of any other method of contraception being used".

The word contraception means "against conception". What a pity that the term that could have been the common one (and is indeed more common in some parts of Europe) has not become the usual one in the UK: "prophylactic" (from "pro", meaning in advance, and the Greek phylax, a guardian).

sexually transmitted diseases? Yours sincerely MICHAEL MARLAND (Headteacher),

Study in Greene

a single night there during those years. The character in my novel was called Scobie not Stobie, and Better study better, Mr Jacobson.

former is extinguished at a pen-sion only slightly higher than the married person's state pension (when OAP benefits and con-

cessions are taken into account). The final stigma is associated with the DSS interpretation that receipt of a substantial (above £4,737!) pension by an unemploved person implies "grounds for doubting his genuine availability for work". In spite of local DSS offices being required to satisfy themselves on this last condition in the case of each applicant, long letters to both my MP and the DSS

have resulted in the same lack of

elucidation as experienced by

Yours faithfully J. B. H. BYFIELD. Broad Ham, Burrough Street, Ash, Martock, Somersel. August 13.

Admiral Bell,

persuade disappointed A-level

students to resit in "crammers" in which they have an interest, rather than attempting to guide them through a series of alternative courses of action.

The only safe method of taking advice at this time is to consult either the school or college where the A levels were recently taken or the local authority careers service. which is staffed by highly-trained and experienced advisers whose only interest is the future of the school-leaver.

The public is free to choose the sources of advice and whether, or how much, it wishes to pay for them. I have no doubt, however, that teachers, career advisers, higher education institutions and the clearing houses would all put their faith behind the officially recognised sources of advice and would deprecate the privateers' approach as unethical. I sincerely hope that the media throttle back on the credence which they increasingly appear to be giving

Yours faithfully, M. A. HIGGINS, Chief Executive, Polytechnics Central Admissions System. Fulton House,

Jessop Avenue Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. August 16.

From Mrs M. Munro-Hill Sir, In *Le Figuro* of July 17 some interesting figures were quoted for the period 1901 to the present day, showing the percentage of stu-dents from each year group successful in the Baccalaureat.

In 1990 the percentage stands at 44: in 1901 the pass rate was 1 per cent, in 1960 it was 11.2 per cent and by 1985 it had grown to 29 per cent. The target for the year 2000 is 80 per cent. One cannot help thinking that if 80 per cent of French students are to gain a pass in the Baccalaureat, the equivalent of our A levels, there will be very little value attached to the examination.

Since the declared intent of our GCSE examination boards for candidates aged 16-plus is very similar to that of the French educational authorities for their 18-plus age-group, one may wonder how long it will be before 80 per cent of British students at 18plus, having known little or no failure at GCSE, succeed at advanced-level examinations. Yours faithfully, M. MUNRO-HILL

Since some may well wish to

pursue this debate, it is worth

mentioning that there are still perfectly good tailors in existence

who provide lightweight clothes

for such temperatures. We should

also remind ourselves that a jacket

(meaning cover) was presumably intended to cover the body,

particularly those parts which

become less attractive in hot

weather; an argument for keeping

Sir. There is a solution to the

problem of the businessman who

has to cope with heat, convention,

and the need for enough pockets to

accommodate wallet, credit cards and cheque-book (separately

stowed for security), business

diary, pen, key ring, spectacles and, in my case, pocket comb and

The answer is to wear a sleeve-

less fisherman's jacket, which is light and cool with nine pockets or

so of assorted size. I am not a

fisherman myself, and I find the

long pocket at the back meant for a

fish will hold a folded copy of The

them on, perhaps?

JOHN NICHOLAS,

Institute of Directors,

116 Pall Mail. SW1.

From Mr Ian T. Millar

folding scissors as well.

Times.

Yours sincerely.

I. T. MILLAR,

South Croydon,

94 Norfolk Avenue,

Bunnies at law

Deputy Director General.

Yours faithfully,

2 South Glebe, Lockington, Driffield, Yorkshire, August 17.

Condom safety Cool comforts

From Professor Michael Marland From the Deputy Director General of the Institute of Directors suggested (August 4) that the Institute of Directors pronounce on the wearing of jackets for business, may like to know that it is a rule of the Institute that jackets (and ties) must be worn at all times at Pall Mall. During exceptionally high temperatures the rule is relaxed - as during the very hot spell recently.

In the last century the condom was recommended as much as a protection against disease as prevention of conception. Could it be that the almost universal use of the term "contraception" makes it harder to remember that the device also prevents the spread of

North Westminster Community School Marylebone Lower House, Penfold Street, NWI. August 14.

From Mr Graham Greene,

Sir, Mr Jacobson has not studied enough. In his report from Sicrra Leone ("Influx for African study in Greene", August 18) he writes that during my wartime Intelligence Service I stayed in the City Hotel in Freetown. I didn't spend he was a Commissioner of Police not "a cynical customs officer".

GRAHAM GREENE. 06600 Antibes, France. August 20.

From Mr A. D. Parr Sir, Messrs Preston and Lewis

Jones (August 14 and 22) appear to be treading on dangerous ground in their appraisal of the activities of Peter Rabbit. One must bear in mind that the

evidence against Peter is purely circumstantial and almost entirely based upon the scurrilous accusations of one Beatrix Potter. Ms Potter's writings have made similar accusations on more than one occasion (e.g., one Squirrel Nutkin and various mice with urban

deprivation problems). I suggest that it may pay Peter Rabbit to consult lawyers. A claim for damages for libel should put an end to these unsubstantiated ru-

mours. Yours faithfully. A. D. PARR. 27 Greenvale, Northfield. Birmingham. August 22.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 22: Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The

Birthdays today

Mr Geoff Capes, shot putter, 41; Mr Joseph E. Connor, chair-man, Price Waterbouse World Carl Dolmetsch, director, Haslemere Festival. 79: Sir John Fairclough. Chief Scientific Adviser to the Cabinet Office, 60; Mr Alexander Gilmour, former chairman. National Playing Fields Association, 59; Sir John Hoskyns, former director-general, Institute of Directors, 63; Mr Gene Kelly, dancer and singer, 78; Lord Kissin, 78; Mr S. Kitchen, chartered account-ant, 77; Mr Peter Lilley, MP, 47; Mr James Quinn, former director, British Film Institute: 71: Mr Willy Russell, author, 43; Sir Roy Strong, former director, Victoria and Albert Museum, 55; Mr Peter Thomson, golfer,

61; General Sir Richard Vincent, 59; Sir Brian Young, chairman, Christian Aid, 68.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Astley Cooper, surgeon, Brook Hall, Norfolk, 1768; Georges Cuvier, Baron Cuvier, zoologist and states-man, Montbeliard, France, 1769; William Ernest Henley, Firm, 59; Sir Robert Crichton-Brown, former chairman, Eleutherios Venizelos, five Rothmans International, 71; Dr times Prime Minister of Greece, Crete, 1864; Sir Henry Tizard, scientist, Gillingham, Kent,

> DEATHS: Sir William Wallace, DEATHS: Sir William Wallace, Scottish patriot, executed, London, 1305; Luis de Leon, mystic and poet, Madrig al de las Atlas, Spain, 1591; Charles Augustin de Coulomb, physicist. Paris. 1806; Rudolf Valentino, New York, 1926; Adolf Loos, architect, Vienna, 1933; Oscar Hammerstein II, spans witter Deuletton, Berns. song writer, Doylestown Pennsylvania, 1960.

Britain took Hong Kong from China, 1839. The 'Blitz' on London began, 1940.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon V.G. Boscawen and Miss C.M. Halliday The engagement is announced

The engagement is announced between the Hon Vere George Boscawen, youngest son of Viscount and Viscountess Falmouth. of Tregothnan, Truro, and Catharine Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Halliday, of Whitton Hall, Westbury, Shropshire.

Mr M. Bradford and Miss J.C. Hoperaft

The engagement is announced between Marcus, only son of Mr W. Bradford, of Taunton, and Mrs Lorraine Bradford, of Toronto, and Joanna Charlotte, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hoperaft, of Higher Luxton, Churchingford,

Mr P.S. Chamberlain and Miss T.S. Humphrey

The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of the late Mr Edwin Chamberlain and of Mrs Chamberlain, of Great Malvern, Worcestershire, and Tania, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Marcus Humphrey, of Dinnet, Aberdeenshire.

Mr R.G. Coase

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and Miss R.M. Dougan between Richard, elder son of Marriages
Mr and Mrs H. Coase, of Burton Bradstock, Dorset, and Rose Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.I. Dougan, of Carluke,

Mr R.E. Coates and Miss S.C. Morgans

The engagement is announced Mrs K.A. Battey, of Chelwood Gate, Sussex, and Mr C. Coates, of Crowbornugh, Sussex, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B.G. Morgans, of Lindfield,

Mr A.J. Harding and Miss S.M. Williams

Anthony Harding, of Earlshill, Co Tipperary, and Susan Williams, of Kensington, London, are pleased to announce their engagement.

Mr J.N.M. MacManus and Miss A.M. Marshall The engagement is announced between James, son of Dr and

Mrs Niall MacManus, of 83 Oliver's Battery Road South, Winchester, Hampshire, and Amanda, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Norman Marshall, of London Mr G.H. Rutter

and Mrs C.M.M. Keatley The engagement is announced The engagement is announced between George, son of Dr and Mrs L.C. Rutter, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, and Carolyn, daughter of Mr R.T. Morell, of Melbourne, Australia, and Mrs H.M. Nodrum, of Hurst, Berkshire.

Mr P.M. Steele and Miss J.M. Hamlyn The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs N.W. Cross, of Trethurgy, Cornwall, and Joanna, only daughter of Lieutenant Commander P.J. Hamlyn, RN (retd) and Mrs Hamlyn, of Upwey, Dorset. Mr D.W. Wilks

and Miss J.P. Spence The engagement is announced between Donald, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Wilks, of Lymington, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Spence, of Ci. swick, London.

Mr J.V. Gordon and Miss T.M.G. Stackpoole The marriage took place on July 28. 1990. at St John's Church. Weymouth, of Mr John Gordon and Miss Theresa Stackpoole. The Rev R. Hope conducted the

A reception was held at The Whitefriars Hotel, Winterbourne Abbas.

Mr J.C.F. Parry and Miss S.P. Bell

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 18, at St Andrew's Church, Kingham, of Mr John Parry, son of Brigadier and Mrs Richard Parry, of Mersham, Kent, and Miss Susje Bell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bell, of Kingham, Oxfordshire. The Rev Tom Ekin officiated.

The bride, who was given in

OBITUARIES

Emeritus Regius Professor of the Practice of Medicine at

Glasgow University and pre-viously Professor of Pharma-cology and Therapeutics at Sheffield University, died aged 88 on August 19. He was born on June 3, 1902.

EDWARD Wayne was chairman of the British Medical Association's committee on alcohol and road accidents which recommended in 1965 that the legal limit should be 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood - a limit still applying today. He did much to introduce the change in attitude that led to the breathalyser test. Subsequently he served on several national committees concerned with research in medicine and the use of drues.

Educated first in chemistry and then in medicine, Wayne was well placed to play a leading part in a new era of scientific therapeutics. His early medical research was on the action of drugs on the human heart and later he was among the first to utilise charge of experimental lab-radioactive iodine in the in-vestigation and treatment of clinical responsibilities in the

graduated BSc in the University of Leeds with first class honours in chemistry in 1923 and as holder of the Sir Swire Smith Fellowship he carried out research in organic chemistry under the direction of Professor J. B. Cohen leading to a MSc degree a year later.

He then turned to biochemistry and worked with

Professor H. S. Raper in Manchester receiving the PhD degree in 1925. This experience excited his interest in the to the investigation of human disease and he completed a medical training at Leeds. After serving as a house physician in the General Infirmary at Leeds and as a demonstrator in physiology in the University of Leeds he moved in 1931 to the Department of Clinical Research at University College Hospital, London. He was appointed at 32 to succeed Sir Edward Mellanby in the Chair of Pharmacology at Sheffield University. This post combined, on a whole-time basis,

Sir Edward Johnson Wayne, thyroid disorders. Wayne Sheffield Royal Infirmary and the Clinical Research Board Children's Hospital.

SIR EDWARD WAYNE

During the second world war Wayne extended his range of activities both in teaching and in providing a service as a consultant physician in Sheffield. The expansion of the Medical School at Sheffield honorary DSc from Sheffield after the war enabled him to in 1967, the year of his enlarge his department and to retirement from Glasgow. attract to it many young men active in research.

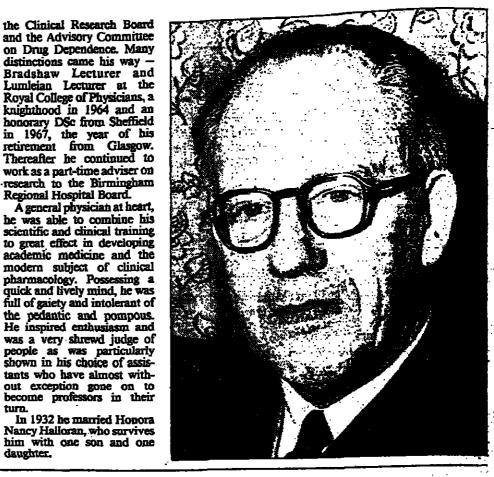
in 1954 he moved to Glas-

gow to become Regius Professor of the Practice of Medicine application of these sciences at the Western Infirmary and physician to the Queen in Scotland. He brought with him his zest for research and new developments and his modern subject of clinical impact was soon evident in pharmacology. Possessing a the department. He was the quick and lively mind, he was author of numerous scientific papers on cardiovascular disease, endocrinology and drug therapy. His research into thyroid disorders led to the publication of a monograph Clinical Aspects of Iodine Metabolism" He was a mem-ber of the Medical Research Council 1958-62 and at various times was chairman of the

and the Advisory Committee on Drug Dependence. Many distinctions came his way -Bradshaw Lecturer and Lumleian Lecturer at the Royal College of Physicians, a knighthood in 1964 and an Thereafter he continued to

Regional Hospital Board A general physician at heart, he was able to combine his scientific and clinical training to great effect in developing academic medicine and the full of gaiety and intolerant of the pedantic and pompous. He inspired enthusiasm and was a very shrewd judge of people as was particularly shown in his choice of assistants who have almost without exception gone on to become professors in their

In 1932 he married Honora Nancy Halloran, who survives



RODERICK COOK

Roderick Cook, English-born actor and singer, died in Los Angeles on August 17 of an apparent heart attack. He was 58.

MOST of Roderick Cook's stage career was spent in North America and much of his success derived from Noël Coward. He was probably best-known as the creator and star of a three-character revue, Oh Coward!, which enjoyed a considerable run in America and Canada early in the 1970s. In Britain it was rather more short-lived, being overshadowed by the triumph of a similar though more expansive Mermaid Theatre anthology called Cowardy Custard, also based on the words and music of Noel Coward.

Cook grew up in Britain and first came to attention as an undergraduate at Queens' College, Cambridge, where he joined that great breeding ground of light talent. The Footlights, early in the 1950s as a revue comedian. It was a golden age for the company and what was first seen at the Cambridge Arts Theatre in early summer generally transferred to the West End a couple of months later.

Cook duly made his London debut with The Footlights and his success led to professional engagements. His to minor roles in West End as though Peter Pan had been Lovage. Differences of backslight figure and debonair musicals and had a spell in the manner made him cut out for classical repertory at the Old his living as an expatriate the cast before the opening cabaret and intimate revue. Vic before deciding at the Broadway hoofer. In due night, however, and he re-He appeared with Maggie beginning of the 1960s to course he took out American turned to the California which Smith among others in such make his life and career in citizenship.



fringe theatres including the specialise in roles as an eccen-Watergate and the New Lind- tric, attenuated Englishman during rehearsals for the cur-Cook graduated from there mischievous charm - rather allowed to grow up and make

His first major New York appearance was with Alfred Drake in the 1961 musical Kean from which he went on to support Lauren Bacall in Woman of the Year and to appear as the Coward-inspired character of Beverly Carlton in a revival of Kaufman and Hast's The Man Who Came to It was in 1968, with

nightchub revue called *Noël* Coward's Sweet Potato that he began to anthologise and arrange Coward's songs for a three-character cabaret routine which he adapted two years later into Oh Coward!. He played it, though rather less successfully, in the Broadway revivals of 1981 and 1986. It had been at its best in its original and very intimate format, dominated by Cook's own rendering of Coward's "Marvellous Party" not in the usual upbeat delivery but instead in one of memorable and total post-prandial Cook's film appearances

were few and fleeting but he appeared in such distinguished movies as Amadeus and 91/2 Weeks. Shortly before his death he was briefly reunited with Maggie Smith abroad with an elfin-kind of rent Broadway production of Peter Shaffer's Lettice and stage opinion led him to leave had long been his home.

HENRY CROWN

Henry Crown, the American industrialist who once owned the Empire State Building, died on August 15 at the age of

SON of a Lithuanian immigrant sweatshop worker, Henry Crown amassed a \$2 billion fortune through a huge construction supply firm. He was a founder of Material Service Corporation, which served as the cornerstone of his financial empire. Most of the fortune is now in the hands of Crown's relatives, who began receiving portions of his wealth for tax purposes as early as 1925.

Bora Henry Krinsky, Crown started working at the age of 12 on a delivery round 1919 he and his brothers, Sol and Irving, formed Material Service with \$10,000, most of it borrowed. The company helped to build such Chicago landmarks as the Loop Subway, the Merchandise Mart and the Civic Opera House. The firm was merged in 1959 with General Dynamics of St Louis, and though Crown maintained a substantial stake he was not happy with the relationship.

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then started buying General Dynamics' stock for less than \$33 per share and eventually built up a 22 per cent stake, which enabled him to retain control of Material.

In 1951, his syndicate bought New York's Empire State Building for \$51.5 million, but he sold what was then the world's tallest skyscraper in 1961 because "the building no longer interested me". His company had renovated the Mahattan landmark, adding air-conditioning and making it more appealing. Crown held interests in

banks, building materials, electronics, financing, hotels. insurance, natural gas, oil, retailing, railroads and ship for 50c a day. At 19, he still building and had widespread only had \$50 in the bank. In real estate interests throughout Illinois, California and New York His Southern California interests at one time included Del Mar race track, the Greystone Estate in Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hilton Hotel He had a reputation for

unusual philanthropy. By the age of 79 he said he had given away "nine figures" in two decades, much of it to universities. He said in a 1971 interview: "My goal since the Crown helped to guide Gen. end of World War II, and I think I've attained it, is to

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Venture aims to salvage sunken wood worth £7bn By Daniel Treisman

AN ANGLO-DUTCH com- the rain forests, the company pany is to take part in a joint hopes ecologically-conscious venture with Soviet partners European buyers may be atmetres of sunken timber logs Siberia.

An agreement to reclaim floated down to Russian saw mills, has been signed by Shawyer-Van Hout BV and a Moscow company.

metres of logs are lying on the bottom of the Yenisei and other Siberian rivers making some water courses unnavigable. The wood is mostly Aquahout, described as a cherry coloured, knot-free, straight-grained timber, and bog oak, a dark brown hardwood.

A spokesman for A V joint venture company Trans Russia Timber BV, said the logs were in excellent condition after lying submerged for decades. "The water has colours."

constructs pipelines, discov- more if the international marered the logs as it was trying to ket tightened. lay pipes along rivers, and was granted the concession to raise the wood will overwhelm them. Machinery and diving world markets since the logs equipment will be sent out by the Western partners next tially, progress will be limited month. "At a very conser- by the severe Russian winters, varive estimate the wood would be worth more than £7. billion," the spokesman said.

Some experts were reserv-ing judgment, however. "I cannot believe it's going to be all it's cracked up to be," Christopher Holmes-Smith, hardwood executive of the Timber Trade Federation, said. "I've had experience in the Far East of timber which when you first cut it open looks fine. A few weeks later it all turns black."

to dredge up millions of cubic tracted to the rescued wood. Jeffrey Shawyer, the Britishbelieved to be worth billions based general director of of pounds from rivers in Trans Russia Timber (Europe) Ltd, said: "The An agreement to reclaim global outcry against the and market the wood, lost as it decimation of the tropical

rainforests can be redressed by this unique opportunity to reclaim a surplus resource." Moscow company.

More than 50 million cubic for mahoganies and teaks, it metres of logs are lying on the bottom of the Yenisei and hardwood market. But it If the wood can substitute would not greatly affect the big

hardwood growing countries like Brazil, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines, which export less than ten per cent of their wood, experts believe.
In 1988, the UK imported about 1.5 million cubic metres of tropical hardwood includ-Timber Products Ltd, of Herting plywoods and about ford, the UK agents for the 324,000 of temperate hardwoods," Michael James, of the Timber Trade Federation, said. "Viewed in that context, the 50 million is an enormous figure." On the other hand, he leached some of the resins out said, tropical countries use and helped to enrich the about 690 million cubic metres a year for fire wood, and The Soviet company, which would probably burn even

> A V Timber does not think will be extracted slowly. Iniwith temperatures dropping to minus 40 or 50 F

Its plans drew a sceptical response from one industry rival. John Dobby, a director of Meyer International PLC, Europe's largest timber inporter, which has been importing Russian softwoods since before the revolution, said: "You've got 20 metres of permafrost and snow falling in. July. You can only get in by ship three months a year. To With countries producing pulling 50 million cubic me tres of wood sunk for years...

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BAKER BAKER - On August 21st. to Sarrah and William. It win boys. brothers for Harriet and George.

BALLAHTINE DYKES - On August 13th. to Hugh and Flone. Kathryn Alice. a sisfer for Emna and Lucy.

BUSNETT - On August 9th. to Anne (see Humfrey) and David. a 5on. Joe Alexander Stuart.

GALDWELL - On August 19th. to Penny (née Booker) and David. a daughter. Eleanor Pauline.

BIRTHS

COGCR - On August 20th, at The Portland Hospital, to Lydia (née Benley) and John a daughter, Stephanie. CURTS - On August 19th, to Elizabeth and Andrew, a daughter, Eleanor Margaret, a sister for Otivia and Heurtetta. Henrietta.

DAVES - On August 18th at St
Thomas Hospital. to Andrea
(néc O'Snee) and Philip, a
daughter, Ernma Shee. daughter, Emma Shee.

FLEAMOR - On August 16th,
to Paula (née Recves) and
Nicholas, a daughter. Diana
Nicola Mary, a sister for
Sophite. MENDERSON On August 12th. to Elaine and Launcetot. a son. Peter George Galahad.

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DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES LEFAMUIMACONCHY - OR

August 23rd 1930, at Santry. Co. Dublin. William and Elizabeth. Now at Shoftestrook. Boreham. Cheimsford. GOLDEN

ANNIVERSARIES HILEY:SHORT - On August 23rd 1940 at The Garrison Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia Acting Surgeon Lieut. Commander Charles A.StC. Hiley RNVR, HMS Aurania. to Ena G.U. Short of Victoria. British Columbia.

SEECHAM - On August 20th, peacefully at home after a short illness, Mary, widow of Paul. Funeral Service at St Gregory's Church, Tredington. Warwickshire, on Tuesday August 28th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired may be sent to The Chipping Campden Nurser, Chipping Campden, Nurser, Chipping Campden, Surser, Chipping Campden, Glos.

AUGUST 23

ZDWARDS - On August 17th 1950, Malcolm, Theatre Director born Northampton, September 29th 1947, Funeral Service St Beloiph, Aldgate, Tuetday August 28th 10 am. Enguirles piesse, to (071) 609-2479, of NAFAS, and much loved mother and grandmother. Finneral Service on Tuesday August 28th at St George's Church, Fordington at 12 moon, followed by lendly listerment at Stration, Cultiflowers most welcome c/o Grassity Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, or donelions to St John Ambulance, North Square, or donelions to St John Ambulance, North Square, Dorchester, Dorchester, Dorchester, Dorchester, Dorchester, Service in London in association with NAFAS to be amnounced later.

SEETH - On August 19th 1990, brableally in a car accident, Edridge, aged 33, solicitor of Croydon and Tooting, Beloved husband of Kalle for less than two please, to (071) 603-2479.

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Nursely Nome, o South Oswald Road, Edibburgh.

MOSSON - On Sunday August 19th 1990 at midday, soddenly Brigadier Patrick Studenly August 19th 1990 at midday, soddenly Brigadier Patrick Miles Pennington Hobson, DSO, late Royal Signals, Werty greatly missed by those close to him and his many friends.

Guildford Craustiorium 2 pm: Thanksgiving Service, St. John the Baylist Church, Pultenham. Guildford, Pultenham. Guildford, Surrey 3 pm on Tuenday August 29th. Official wreaths to Robert Ayfing Funeral Services. 25-27 South Road. Guildford, Surrey CLU2 GNY by 11 am. Instead of private wreaths, donations may be made, if desired, to the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Rind, Nortis House, Burtell Road, Haywards Heath, Stanex RH16 1FN.

LAW - On Sunday August 19th

Heath, Sussex RH16 1FN.

LAW - On Sunday Angust 19th in Hong Kong, Stella, dearty beloved wife of Richard and devoted mother of Rosamund, Mark and Rupert, peacefully after a fight against cancer, which she bore with great courage and dignity. Following a private funeral, there will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St. John's Catthedral, Hong Kong on September 12th, A Service of Thanksgiving at Chilham in Octuber will be amounced later. No flowers donations please to the Hong Kong Cancer Fund, 1112 Jardine House, Hong Kong.

MAKINS - On August 22nd, peacefully after a long finess in hospital. Clifford, husband of Nora Beloff and father of Stephen and Matthew, Requiem Mass Thursday August 30th at 12.30 pm at Ealing Abbey, Marchwood Crescent. W5. Burtal 1.30 pm Greenford Park Cemelery.

Park Cemetery.

MOLLLER - On August 18th, peacefully at Melford Court Nursing Home. Long Melford. Suffoliz. Helen Moeller M.B.E., daughter of the Iste H.R.G. Moeller of Buenos Aires and the late Muriel Moeller of York Mansions. Prince of Wales Drive. London SW11. Sister of Wilfred. 56 Whiting Street. Bury St Edmunicis. IP33 1NP and Douglas.

OLIVER - On August 20th, Mary Natalie, formerly of Mary Natalle, formerly of Padstow. Private cremation, Thanksgiving Service later. No flowers, but donations if desired to Barciays. Wadebridge for WRNS Benevolent Trust.

PERZIZ - On August 20th 1990, peacefully at home in Long Melford, Pauline. Cremation at Colchester Crematorium on Thursday August 30th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to the imperial Cancer Research c/o W.A. Descon and Sons Ltd. Funeral Services, High Street, Lawenham. Street, Lavenham.

PHR.COX - On August 20th
1990. peacefully at The
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Kent. Beloved husband of
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THE second Russo-Turkish war (1877-78) drew scores of war corres pondents to the battle zones — 80 of them were covering the Russian side. With the Turks was The Times' man John W Hozier – far too modest in wishing for "the pen of Dr [William Howard] Russell" for his dispatches often showed him to be the equal of that famous correspondent.

> THE CAMPAIGN IN ARMENIA

(BY TELEGRAPH FROM VIENNA) (PROM OUR CORRESPONDENT WITH THE TURKISH ARMY) CAMP, HEIGHTS ABOVE SARBATAN, Ang. 2

.. The official despetches which say that the Russians had been defeated and driven successively out of Mellidooz, Sara Kamysch, and Boghli Ahmad are utterly false. We not only did not come into collision but we never came in sight of the Russians at those places. The sympathy that one naturally feels for the Turks in their gallant struggle in Armenia is deadened by the braggadocio and childish conceit indulged in by all ranks regarding their successes. The withdrawal of a Russian reconnoissance after its object has been fully effected is construed into a great victory ... I notice that Mr Gibson Bowles, in

The Times of the 8th of July, states that Ahmed Vefyk Pasha has reported to him that ambulances have been purchased with money sent by the Stafford-house Committee and despatched to Asia Minor. I can assure the members of that body. who have so liberally sacrificed time and money in the good cause of relieving the sufferings of the sick and wounded of the Turkish Army, that upto this day not one single ambulance or one single bale of medical comforts has reached Mukhtar Iasha's Head-Quarters, I have this moment returned from the hospital, where I have conversed with the only two qualified doctors in this camp, and they have not even heard

ON THIS DAY 1877 of such help having been despatched from Constantinople. It is true that two English doctors, Messrs. Cassin

and Featherstonhaugh, are at Erzeroum, where aided by our Con-sul, Mr. Zohrab, his son, a boy of 16, and the American missionaries, they are working nobly among the wounded, who have been neglected in the most cruel manner. The British public should know the treatment that these English doctors received in Constantinople, where Ahmad Vefyk Pasha refused them any assistance or money ... I have learnt from the highest authority that the most urgent representations were made to the Stafford-house Committee ... begging that in no case might

distributions of money be left to any Ottoman officials. These representations have been steadily disregarded and the result now is that on this 3d day of August there is an army of 35,000 men without a litter, without one single ambulance waggon, with-out one case of surgical instruments, and neither here or at Kars, nor at Erzeroum, has a shilling of the money so nobly subscribed by the English public been received. Would that I had the pen of Dr. Russell to describe the harrowing scenes I have witnessed, and the still more terrible stories I have heard of wounded men left in hospital for their wounds to mortify, rather than Turkish bigotry and Turkish fanaticism should so far relent as to permit amputation; men with undressed wounds left to find their way to the nearest hospital, 40 miles from the scene of battle; maimed soldiers, unable to walk, crawling on hands and kness to the nearest well to slake their burning thirst and then to die. I have written and telegraphed strongly on this subject, and have not hesitated to blame the Administration who are alone at fault; and for this reason my letters have been detained and my telegrams suppressed. Is it to be wondered that a man, with one drop of human kindness in his breast, could pass through the scenes I have feebly attempted to describe, and not boil over with indignation at the

conduct of a Government which

treats its soldiers worse than it does its dumb cattle — fails to clothe them,

fails to pay them and then, when sick and wounded, leaves them utterly

uncared for.

1990. trajecany is car accident. Edridge, aged 33. solicitor of Croydon and Tooting. Beloved insteam of Kate for less than two monitas beloved son of Lesie and Nada, beloved brother of David and beloved prandeon of Branke. Despis mourned by both families and by marity. many friends. Funeral Service at 3 pm on Tuesday August 25th at Beckenham Crenatorium and flowers to Francis Chapped Funeral Directors. Boundary Place. Sevenouls. Road. Orphiston. Kent.

STOME - On August 19th. Doris Mary, aged 59, beloved wife for over 50 years of the Reverend E.A. Stone and mother of Judith and Clare. Funeral Service at 52 Botoloh's. Henne, Worthing, on Wednesday August 25th at 2.15 pm. followed by cremation. No flowers by her request.

SITHERILAND - On August 21st, at Abbey Vais, after a long finess, Dr. Janet, aged 70 years. Funeral Service at Suphay St John's Church. Toronay, on Sentral August 25th at 10.30 am. No flowers please, but donations to Alcheimer's Disease Society may be sent to Torbay & District Funeral Service, 11 Babbacombe Road. Torquay.

VEMME - On August 21st 1990. percefully at Bechill, Leste Herbert, aged 35. Pather of Alan, David and Carol. Funeral at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday August 24th at 10 am. Donations to Macmillan caru. Funera at Estimotifie Crematorium on Friday August 24th at 10 am. Donations to Macmillan Nurses c/o Mummery F/D. 31 Devonshire Road, Beschill (0424) 730418. VMLERS-STUART On August 21st. Inpu. 1986 ALL CROCODILE articles, isather luggage, Chadstone bags trunks etc Tel: 071-229 9618 OFFICERS H.M. giver military cap padges. Min. £20 paid. Te O85 884 235

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WATSOR On August 20th, 1990, suddenly at his home. 10 Moray Park, Doume. Edmund Turcan Watson, beloved husband of Liflan, also father of Ian (Regional Director of D.T.I). Funeral Service on Friday August 24th at Perth Cromatorium at 1.45 pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

WILLS On August 19th, peacefully in hospital ener a long filmes. George, aged 78, loved husband of Wendy, fond father of Michael, Peter. Betsy. Tom and Kate. Privale cremation has taken place. Thanksprings Service at St. Nicholas. Compton, Friday September 7th at 3.30 pm. No flowers.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HARPUR Brian Victor Cheneau Harpur. A Service of Thankogiving for his life will be held at St Bride's. Fleet Street, on Wednesday September 12th at 12 noon. MWM - Leighton L.

M.A., Ll.B., J.P. A Service
to commemorate his life and
work will be held at Bromley
Parish Church. Church
Road, Bromley, on Tuesday
September 4th at 11 am.

MELLORS - A Service of
Thanksgiving for the life of
Thanksgiving for the life of
Peter Howard Mellors M.A.,
LLM., will be held in
Southwell Minster on
Monday September 10th
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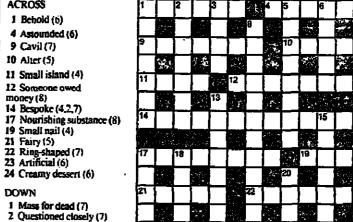
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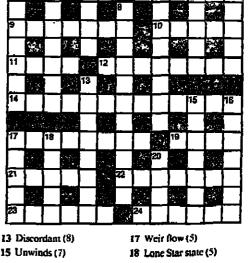
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Researchers in South Africa have discovered that the ratios of certain atomic isotopes in elephant bones and tusks provide a distinctive chemical "signature" of the animal's home environ-

Using techniques to "read" the isotope signatures of suspect pieces of ivory, conservationists may, in the future, be able to deduce where the elephants were killed. That knowledge, to the chagrin of the ivory trader, could allow them to distinguish between ivory poached from game reserves and materials obtained from legal culling elsewhere.

The tell-tale signatures are the result of a kind of environmental 'imprinting". For several years it has been known that the isotope composition of animal bone and flesh is partly fixed by diet, which in turn is influenced by habitat.

The bones of elephants that feed mainly on grass, for instance, have a different ratio of carbon isotopes from those of their shrub-eating cousins. If shrubs are scarce in a particular region, the elephants born and bred there will produce

A form of scientific bone 'fingerprinting' could help track down the ivory poachers

and save the African elephant from the

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ivory with a distinctive "grassy"

sotope signature. Similarly, an elephant's endowment of the rare atomic isotope nitrogen-15 depends on its availability from local vegetation. The more arid an environment is, the more nitrogen-15 its vegetation holds, and so the more richly endowed in the isotope an elephant's tusks become.

Likewise, levels of strontium and lead isotopes in tusks are fixed by those in the local vegetation, which in turn come from the local soil and water.

In today's Nature magazine, the researchers, who worked in two rival teams, describe how measurements of carbon, nitrogen, and strontium isotopes in combination allow the bones and tusks of different populations of southern African elephants to be distinguished.

To prove their point, they took bone and ivory specimens from elephants in game reserves all over southern Africa, including the Addo Elephant National Park, the Kruger National Park and the Etosha Game Reserve, and showed that the isotope signature of any one reserve is significantly

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the first six months of this year in order to clear huge ivory stocks in Hong Kong, it is now committed to abiding by the ban until at least

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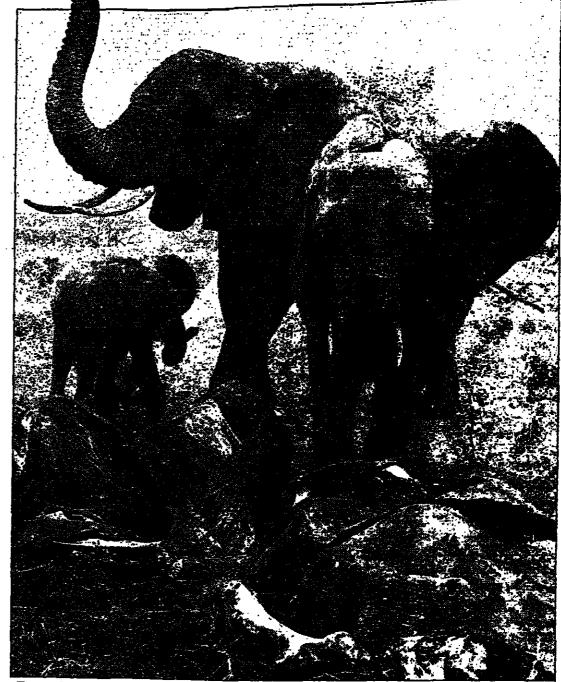
But Simon Lyster, of the World Wide Fund for Nature, says. "All the economists said that if you ban the trade in ivory, you'll drive the trade underground, its scarcity value will increase, the price will increase and poaching will inso that game reserves could be better managed, says Dr Tim Heaton, of the British Geological crease. In fact the opposite has

e maintains that with legal trading having almost stopped, the need identifying poached ivory is not as great as it once was. However, Dr Julia Lee-Thorp, a member of Professor van der Merwe's isotope research group at Cape Town University, doubts whether the total ban will last.

Five southern African countries, including Botswana and Zimbabwe, have opted out and at any time could decide to sell ivory from legally culled elephants.
"Our method will be useful in making sure that only culled ivory reaches the market and trade routes and not poached ivory," Dr

Lee-Thorp says.

Her main fear is that the market in Japan, where ivory is a cul-turally established commodity rather than a luxury, will prove impossible to eradicate.



Face to face with death: a family of elephants find an elephant slaughtered by peachers for its tusks



Searching for fatal disorders: Professor Pepvs with his scanner

test that can diagnose a range of potentially fatal disorders with more accuracy, speed and safety than existing methods has been developed by British scientists.

different from those of neigh-

The original aim of the research

was to discover what elephants eat

Survey, who worked with Dr John Vogel and his isotope research

team in Pretoria in the Transvaal for ten years. "We also measured

isotopes in bones from prehistoric

human populations to see if we could distinguish between a sea and terrestrial diet," he adds.

In the past ten years, the total

number of African elephants has plunged from about 1.3 million to

an estimated 600,000 almost exclusively because of ivory

In the southern African coun-

tries of Botswana, Malawi and

Zimbabwe, effective action was

taken to stabilise local elephant

populations at an earlier stage, but

elsewhere pressure from poaching

As a result, all trade in ivory was

effectively banned last year

through the Convention on Inter-

national Trade in Endangered

Species (CTTES), the international

wildlife convention that protects

grew overwhelming.

bouring reserves.

Some conditions which are usually recognised only when they have reached an advanced or incurable stage will now be detectable much sooner by the technique. It could also lead, within the next few years, to the first forms of effective treatment against them.

The test is for systemic amyloidosis, a furtive and usually fatal syndrome in which deposits of protein called amyloid spread silently through the body and cause progressive damage to vital organs such as the heart, kidneys, Amyloid also gathers in the

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brain, bone marrow and joints, and is part of the body's ageing process. There is no effective treatment which dissolves the deposits of Amyloid, although their progression can be delayed in some cases.

More often than not, amyloidosis is undiagnosed and discovered only by chance at postmortem examinations. Current diagnosis depends on biopsy, the removal of samples of tissue or cells for microscopic examination, but this can be hazardous to many patients.

The new method has been developed by researchers at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital, British team develop

early warning for hidden serious disease

west London, and is described in detail in today's issue of the New

England Journal of Medicine. The scientists, led by Professor Mark Pepys, are cautious about some potential applications of the test, but believe it will become widely used.

One of the most exciting possibilities is that within the next few years the test could be adapted as a specific targeting agent which could be compled to agents capable

of degrading or dissolving the

Another tautalising prospect is that the technique could be used in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, the most common type of senile dementia. This crippling and untreatable disorder is characterised in more than 90 per cent of cases by amyloid plaques and deposits in the brain and

cerebrovascular system.
At present, Alzheimer's disease can be diagnosed only by the process of excluding other possible causes. "It is much too soon to predict a diagnostic test for Alzheimer's, let alone a treatment, but medicine has always progressed from diagnosis to treat-

ment, and that is where our hopes would lie," Professor Pepys said

The technique involves the use of a purified human plasma protein called serum amyloid P component, or SAP, combined with a radioactive ingredient to allow it to be traced in the body by sophisticated scanning equip-ment. When it is injected into the patient, it rapidly locates amyloid deposits wherever they are in the body, and provides detailed images of them via the scanner.

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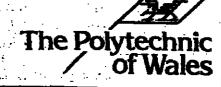
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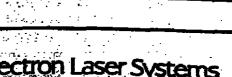
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MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE 16th century writer William Bullein defined the still current popular view when he wrote in *The Bullwark Against All Sickness* that "a good kitchen is a good apothicaries' shop".

Jonathan Swift, 100 years later, endorsed Bullein's opinion when endorsed Bullein's opinion when he said: "Kitchen physic is the

Hospital regimes no longer reflect this approach, for, in the past 30 years, ward mealtimes have ceased to be the high points in the patient's day. Until then, they were considered an important, sometimes the most important, factor in an invalid's recovery, but their status has slipped; they are rarely discussed on ward rounds, and recovery today is tending to rely more on complex medical procedures, coupled with the power of modern drugs, than the ability of a nurse to charm an aged or frail patient to finish the soup in the feeding cup. Sometimes it seems

Crusts of no comfort

to the bystander, as he watches inexperienced relatives trying to persuade a desperately ill or dejected patient to eat and drink, that the occasional life might be preserved if there was time available for ward staff to concentrate on an individual's nourishment.

To those brought up in the era of calves'-foot jelly, Bengers, and the teaching of Halliburton on the value of hot, tempting, meals, the opinions expressed by the National Association of the National Association of Health Authorities (NAHA) this week seem almost sacrilegious.



A pain never to be ignored

THE magazine General Practitioner reports that a 13-year-old boy who lost a testicle through gangrene has been awarded £9,000 damages against his general practitioner, who failed to diagnose the cause of the trouble, torsion of the testis, despite the classic symptoms of sudden testicular pain and vomiting.

Acute testicular pain is a symptom which always needs immediate investigation, but in this case the boy was initially advised, over the telephone, to take an aspirin, apply a hot water bottle to the afflicted area and, to all intents and purposes, wait to see what nature could achieve in the way of a cure. Later the GP visited him, diagnosed an acute infection (epidymo-orchitis) and only five days later — by which time the testicle was gangrenous — called for a specialist's

Torsion of the testis is a surgical emergency. Like other testicular diseases it is, due to some undiscovered quirk of modern life, becoming increastesticle, which fails to descend in early life in the accustomed way, is thereafter poorly anchored and twists within the scrotum. The twisting cuts off the blood supply where it flows down the spermatic cord and, in consequence, the organ, starved of nourishment, becomes gangrenous within six hours.

Torsion of the testis can occur at any age, even in babies, but is most common in teenagers and

follows violent activities, particularly those, such as changing a wheel or heaving paving stones, which make the patient grunt, and it can also occur during sexual intercourse. The testis has to be untwisted and fixed. At the same time the other one is anchored, because whatever the abnormality which pro-duced the trouble on one side is also likely to cause similar problems later on the other.

As happened in the case

reported in General Practitioner, the condition is easily confused with epidymo-orchitis, particu-larly if visiting the patient is delayed so that there has been time for the overlying skin to become inflamed. Many experi-enced practitioners feel that epidymo-orchitis should be diagnosed with certainty only when there is an obvious urethral discharge, or a history of contact with mumps. Other cases need an expert opinion.

These opinions supported the Coventry Health District, which

has announced that as an economy it, like many other authori-

ties, will in future provide

National Health Service patients with only one hot main meal a day, sandwiches and fruit will be

available for dinner in the evening. Reasoned opinions

have been advanced to support this decision. The association

claims that it is easier to serve cold food which is healthy and

fresh, by which it means the

meals are less likely to be

contaminated by salmonella

than reheated hot food. Hospital

meals are often cooked at a

central point and then distrib-

uted to smaller hospitals around the area for reheating. The

association makes a funda-

mental error; it is confusing the

appetite and needs of patients

who are ravaged by disease with

those of the rest of the popula-

tion. A farm worker sweating it out in the harvest field can work up an enthusiasm for the dullest

sandwich. Likewise, the hungry traveller may relish British Rail sandwiches. But the loss of

appente which is a symptom common to most physical and

mental disease is unlikely to be overcome by an institutional sandwich. The health authori-

ties, as they trim the costs of looking after patients, may claim

sandwiches have as many calo-

ries, vitamins, minerals and as

much protein as a reheated hot meal, and rather less salmonella, but this will be of little consola-

tion to patients too wearied and

wasted by their disease to chew a

rubbery crust.

Putting the bite on tooth decay

ROTTEN teeth in the 16th and 17th centuries were a sign of affluence, for only the nobs could afford the sweetmeats which cause decay. The working man's teeth may have been ground down by coarse, contaminated cereals, but they were healthy. Archaeologists working on the Mary Rose noted how much better the ratings' teeth were than those of the officers. In the 19th century and the first three-quarters of this century, class bias was reversed; the upper classes had too often the urchin's grin was disfigured by blackened stumps.

Today the social background matters much less. The most important factors in preventing dental decay are no longer a careful diet, a trip to the dentist each prep school holiday, or even dental hygiene. Using fluoride toothpaste, taking fluoride supplements and, above all, living in an area where the local authority. area where the local authority adds fluoride to the water are

most. In Birmingham, where fluoride has been added to the water at one part per million, dental decay is half that in other boroughs, often in middle-class areas, which have refused to add

Doctors, dentists, parents and the children of the post-fluoride age now growing into young adults all welcome increasingly healthy British mouths. For example, since 1983 the number of children in the Bath area at the age of five with no decay has increased from 45 to 65 per cent. Mr A.V.F. Pitter, writing in Dental Practice, has drawn attention to one problem caused by longer able to identify a badly decomposed or burnt body by recognising their handiwork among the victim's teeth. Modern teeth no longer carry his hallmark. As dentists have more time, their interest in orthodontics has grown, but Mr Pitter maintains that few have up-todate models, photographs or Xrays of the completed work on the patient, and makes a plea that the decay-free younger generations should wear a dura-ble identification disc.

in early adult life; it usually the factors that matter Trouble in the family way

he decision about when to stop trying to conceive is one of the toughest a childless couple will have to make. Infertility rinvestigations are expensive, embarrassing and time-consuming. Now, with the announcement that Bourn Hall clinic is prepared to cooperate with surrogacy arrangements, another stony path has

appeared for the couple to tread. Bourn Hall is not the first clinic to implant a frozen embryo into a host mother, but it is the first to discuss the issue openly. This new frankness follows a gradual change of heart by the British Medical Association (BMA). Its annual meeting in June gave qualified approval to doctors who were willing to become in-volved in surrogacy, while stressing such arrangements should be considered only when all other treatments had failed.

Surrogacy appears to offer a solution for thousands of women who are able to ovulate, but are unable to carry and deliver a healthy Achild. Unlike adoption, surrogacy allows couples to have children who are genetically their own. The embryo is produced in the laboratory after the husband's sperm has fertilised the wife's egg. It is then frozen until it can be implanted into the womb of the surrogate.

But the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill, due to become law this autumn, makes it clear that any surrogacy arrangements will be unenforceable. If a surrogate refuses to hand over a child, the biological parents have no redress. A new clause in the same bill will forbid payment to surrogates, while the BMA has advised against arrangements where the surrogate and genetic parents are known to each

The law regards the woman who pears a child as the mother and her partner as the father and their names appear on the birth certifiate. This still applies when the wirth is the result of a frozen embryo ransfer and the baby is genetically intelated to either the surrogate or er partner. Genetic parents must dopt their child in order to become ne legal parents. Adoption regulations outlaw pay-

A fertility clinic is offering to help with surrogacy, for a fee. Is this progress?



Sir Malcolm: for anonymity

ments. However, according to Sir Malcolm Macnaughton, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Glasgow university, surrogates of-ten are paid, even if the payment is described as expenses. "We've been told the going rate is about £6,000,"

Sir Malcolm, the chairman of the committee which produced the BMA's surrogacy report, and a member of the Interim Licensing Authority which regulates the activities of infertility clinics, is not opposed to payment. He believes, however, that surrogacy should take place anonymously.

"We have been advised by the adoption and fostering experts that the two groups should not know each other, otherwise there could be unpredictable and possibly harmful effects on all concerned.

"A sister to sister system is particularly undesirable because the child would be left uncertain which was his aunt, and which was his mother. And what would happen if the host mother decided her sister was not bringing the child up

The new law will not insist on anonymity, an aspect of BMA policy with which Bourn Hall disagrees. Bourn Hall's activities in this controversial area are guided by

its ethics committee, which consists of an Anglican bishop, a gynaecologist unconnected to the clinic, a general practitioner, a lawyer, a scientist and two other lay people.

Audrey Elliott, the committee chairman and a retired teacher, says: "We have been considering the question of IVF surrogacy for many years. The few cases which we have approved have been considered on an individual basis after extensive counselling. We are now trying to formulate strong guidelines which can be used for in future cases."

Doctors at Bourn Hall stress that the clinic's £2,500 fee is for medical and counselling services alone, and couples make their own surrogacy

Peter Brinsden, the medical director of Bourn Hall, says: "We believe that patients who are unable to bear children of their own can and should be helped. We will not provide a service for the mother who does not want to interrupt her career by bearing her own child."

So far the clinic has transferred two embryos into surrogates, in both cases the sisters of the genetic mothers. Dr Tim Appleton, an ordained priest who provides counselling at Bourn Hall and several other clinics where surrogacy is being considered, says that most of the others on the waiting list are unrelated. "I have been pleasantly surprised: they seem to be people who understand the misery of infertility and want to help. I think the BMA is wrong to recommend anonymity. The genetic parents need to know who is going to bear their child, and the surrogate needs to know where the child is

going.
"I see helping people with these arrangements as part of my

Dr Natalie Macdonald, the ethics spokesman for the BMA, is unhappy that Bourn Hall has ignored the anonymity guidance. "As soon as you start to ponder this the problems are endless. It is because the situation is potentially so messy that we recommend anonymity, for the sake of the child."

Survival can be simply a matter of accident

Did Roman Britons

have a better chance

of life-saving

treatment than patients in

the NHS? Liz Gill reports

ritain had more trauma

centres under Roman occupation than it has now. They were called valetudinaria and archaeologists have found the remains of 11 of them in regions," says Professor Donald Trunkey, a professor of surgery at Oregon Health Sciences University, in the United States, and an authority on the treatment of the severely injured. "They were designed to give the best possible care to legionaries who had been hurt in battle.

"It seems ironic that what you have today is essentially a nonsystem. I would have thought that

would be unacceptable."

The outcome for the accident victim in this country in terms of both survival and full recovery often appears to be largely a matter of luck. Crash your car in East Anglia, for instance, and you could be attended at the roadside by a specially trained GP; fall from scaffolding within a 50 mile radius of Biggin Hill airfield, Bromley, and you could be reached by the Royal London Hospital's helicopter, suffer an industrial accident in Stoke-on-Trent and a "flying squad" could be dispatched from the city's Royal Infirmary.

In other areas, however, your chances of survival might be much slimmer and it was to remove this element of chance that the Royal College of Surgeons called two years ago for the establishment of 24 trauma centres around the United Kingdom.

In a study of 1,000 accidental deaths in which half the patients had been alive on arrival at hospital, the college's working party concluded that a third could have survived, given the right treatment at the right time. Of 170 preventable deaths, 86 had been wrongly diagnosed and in many cases surgery had been delayed, incomplete, or not given at all.

The report estimated that nationally almost 5,000 lives could be saved every year. According to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, 15,000 people die in accidents annually, including 5,000 on the roads, of whom years ago the Medical Commission on Accident Prevention estimated that traffic accidents alone cost the country £2.8 billion

"Injury is the commonest cause of death in the under thirty-fives," says Professor Miles Irving, the professor of surgery at Manchester University and chairman of the working party from the royal college. "A tenth of health care costs in the European Community is devoted to dealing with injury.

"The problem is that, for the average hospital, cases of very seriously injured patients are comparatively rare and therefore you cannot have experienced surgeons and anaesthetists waiting around for something that may happen once or twice a week. So they get on with other work and the patient may be seen by a junior doctor. What a trauma centre would provide is the immediate availability of consultant opinion

24 hours a day, every day." The report says that, for a hospital to cater for trauma effectively, it must have a number of specialities available on site, not age for the motor vehicle accident just in the key ar-

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eas of neurosurgery, cardio-thoracic surgery 'Trauma centres and orthopaedics, but also in plastic, vascular maxillofacial surgery. The number of

hospitals which can offer all these together, plus the necessary accident and emergency and intensive care departments, may be only a

handful. In the south, for example, there are four one in Southampton and three in London: the Royal Free, Bart's and the Royal London. Ideally, no one should be more

than 20 minutes from a centre but distance is not as crucial as time, particularly during what is known as the "golden hour", the period immediately after an accident when many patients die from blood loss or blocked airways. A paramedical team trained in

resuscitation techniques, able to staunch bleeding and insert a breathing tube could afford to bypass the nearest hospital in order to get the expert help at the trauma unit. "At the moment," Professor Irving says, "all we have is a scoop and run policy.

The quality of treatment during the immediate post-injury phase may also affect a patient's chance during another danger period which may come two or three weeks later. Vulnerability to infection can be influenced by blood loss early on.



Belfast, and chairman of an international trauma conference last year, says: "Someone with a blunt injury from a car crash may languish in an emergency department before it is realised he is in a desperate condition with a ruptured liver. I always preach anticipation rather than reaction." The trouble now, he says, is that treatment can depend on where an accident occurs and "it is that business of luck that we need to eliminate".

Professor Rowlands describes injury deaths as the "last great plague of the young". Professor Trunkey believes this is why it is still low on the list of priorities. "Politicians and those who determine what is spent are much more concerned with cancer and heart disease because those are the things that affect them. Yet if you cured all cancers you would only affect average longevity by two years because it is a disease primarily of the old. The average

are expensive to set up, but they are extremely cost effective. It has been calculated in the United States that if you can return a 20-year-old man to your investment 3,000 per cent in terms of what he puts back into the economy com-

pared with what has been spent on American trauma centres claim to have cut death rates by 30 per cent and to return 85 per cent of patients to full productivity within a year. West Germany, which has had a trauma system for 20 years.

has seen its annual death toll fall

from 16,000 to 8,000.

The Royal London Hospital's emergency helicopter has been operating for more than a year and dealt with almost 300 patients in accidents ranging from motorway pile-ups to falls on building sites. So far, says Dr Mark Dalton, a registrar, 10 lives have been saved. The service is paid for partly by private enterprise and partly by the NHS, which is completing a helipad at the hospital, along with two more operating theatres and a four-bed unit. The aircraft can fly across London in ten minutes and can land at the scenes of most accidents and in the grounds of 60 hospitals in the surrounding area "We believe this is the way

forward," Dr Dalton says. There has been some move-Severe injury is sometimes diffi-ment, however. The health depart-ANN KENT | cult to spot. Professor Brian ment is funding the first Rowlands, a consultant surgeon at designated trauma centre in the

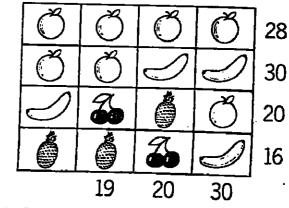
Not all experts are in favour of trauma centres. Major-General Norman Kirby, the accident and emergency consultant at Guy's Hospital and the president of the British Association for Accident and Emergency Medicine, believes patients may be better served by improving the existing services particularly the staffing

is very poor compared with parts of the Continent and we badly need to pull together various

elements," he says. He prefers the idea of trauma experts backing up existing departments and points out that Australia has found its special centres to be expensive white elephants.

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THE GATE OF ANGELS By Penelope Fitzgerald Collins, £12.95

his is an achievement - a metaphysical novel which is entertaining, brief (167 pages), and a love story. It is highly original, yet familiar in the context of clever women's writing - it is as if this were an Iris Murdoch novel condensed by Alice Thomas Ellis in a blithe and ruthless mood. The book's shortness and spareness, combined with the complexity of its concerns, is a miracle of technique. And in spite of its concentrated quality, there still seem airy spaces in the writing and time for leisurely observations about how grass looks in a flooded watermeadow, or about the choice one has to make, on a cart-track, between walking in the ruts and walking on the ridge between them.

The story is set in Cambridge in 1912, when nuclear research was getting under way at the Cavendish Laboratory. Fred, our physicist hero, believes that the soul is a fiction, the mind a function of the body and that nothing exists which cannot be observed through the senses. The things that can be observed - or researched - make up the tibrous matter of the novel, from the make of Fred's bicycle and the pattern its tyres make on a wet road, to the medicines and remedies in a dispensary, the briquettes of coaldust and tealeaves used as fuel, and the way to cook a cow-heel. The straw hat of a working girl is painted with lac-quer so it won't collapse in the rain; her sleeves are too short because they are turned under to hide the fraying (some girls ink the

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fraved part instead). The sleeves in question are Daisy's. She is a handsome, sensible girl from Brixton, full of angelic wit, with whom Fred becomes entangled, literally, when their bicycles collide on a Cambridge road. Irrationally, Fred finds he is in love with her. But he keeps losing track of her. Fred's problem is that the unreasonable exposing their vast, pale bellies.



Chucking notions about like ping-pong balls: Penelope Fitzgerald uses methods which flatter the reader, who should be able to finish her book in a long afternoon

and the unobservable keep getting with willow-branches tangled in in the way of his beliefs. Even the atom is unobservable, "a provisional idea". He belongs to a perverse debating society where members have to argue in favour of propositions in which they do not believe. He has to find arguments for the existence of the soul, and does so, feeling as though he were "hanging upside down". Everything goes topsy-turvy. His mother, a country vicar's wife, has joined the women's suffrage movement. The cows in the Cambridge meadows, demented by a gale, lie on their backs

their horns.

There is a mystery, too, about the accident. The man driving the cart that nearly ran them over, and a third bicyclist, have disappeared. A palaeontologist who also writes ghost stories - just one of the dotty, authentic-sounding dons who inhabit Ms Fitzgerald's Edwardian Cambridge - comes up with the fact that there was a medieval nunnery on the spot where it happened, and tells a horrific tale of what the nuns did to the bishop's envoy sent to close them down. An old hag is seen and voices heard on the spot at night;

maybe ghostly nuns have dispatched the carter and the third cyclist?

Fred is a junior fellow of St

Angelicus, known as Angels - a 15th century college so small that no undergraduates live in, or eat in Hall - a nuclear college, one might say. In the inner court is a walnut tree - an old variety, specified as Cornet du Perigord (another example of how everything in this book, which is about the unobservable, is precise and observed). Round and round the walnut tree walks the master of the college, who is blind. If the reader is vaguely reminded of the

There was once a man who said Must think it exceedingly odd

Continues to be When there's no one about in the

If he find that this tree

then it is probably no coincidence; the rhyme is by Ronald Knox, who was Ms Fitzgerald's uncle. She does not presume to pro-nounce on the "mind-body" problem, or problems of perception, or the existence of a fourth dimension. She chucks notions around like ping-pong balls; her methods are flattering to the reader, who can finish this book in one long

afternoon, and emerge feeling amused, moved and intellectually activated but not bullied.

Obvious and rational explana-tions emerge for all the mysteries. But in their very obviousness they seem insufficient. And what about the glorious coincidence that brings Fred and Daisy together on the last page? The college has two ways in — the main gate, through which everyone passes, and a narrow one, which has only opened three times in all its history. The mistake we make, make its thinking that there is maybe, is thinking that there is only one explanation for what we are and what happens to us.

Ripping runic read

HORROR

Anne Billson

RUNE By Christopher Fowler Century, £7.50 CREED By James Herbert Hodder & Stoughton, £12.95 THE FRIGHTENERS By Stephen Laws Souvenir Press, £14.95 THE WEREWOLVES OF LONDON By Brian Stableford Simon & Schuster, £14.95

THE 1958 film Night of the Demon is one of the best supernatural chillers ever made, charting Dana Andrews's progress from sceptic to quailing believer. The screenplay was adapted from a story by M.R. James, and Christopher Fowler acknowledges the topher Fowler acknowledges the debt in the introduction to Rune. Style and content are far removed from those of the Cambridge antiquary, but Mr Fowler has updated his runic curse, with ancient magic augmented by mod-

ern marketing methods.

Mr Fowler kicks off with a doomed man fleeing through Soho, and thereafter the pace barely lets up. The author, a Londoner, manages to cover a fair whack of A-Z territory and send up a few trendy media folk en route to the final showdown. Unusually, the good guys are every bit as entertaining as the bad: a couple of eccentric detec-tives and a punky girl truck driver are among those who take on the might of a malevolent multinational corporation.

This is a ripping read which provides the occasional unsettling idea, such as the flat which has had all straight edges obliterated from its interior so that no one can sneak a runic hex past its fright-ened occupant. But why does it take so long for the runes to be recognised as such? Doesn't any-

one read Tolkein any more?

James Herbert is this country's best-selling author of horror fiction, having made his name with titles such as The Rats and The Fog. With Creed, Mr Herbert has attempted a change of tack: parts of this novel are virtually a documentary description of the rapher, stalking Jack Nicholson or lying in wait for Woody Allen. Herbert's hero is an unsavoury snapper who takes one photograph too many at an actress's funeral and finds himself pursued by demons who want the negs destroyed. There's too much arch interrupt for a very sketchy rundown on our hero's career ...") but it is an amusing idea executed in knockabout style

Stephen Laws's first three books were set in his native northeast, but The Frighteners is set in and around a limbo city which may or may not be London. He tackles an ambitious plot involving a smalltime jailbird who becomes literally infected with the essence of evil, isolated and distilled in a government research lab. The possessed punk avenges himself on the mobsters who killed his family by creating whirling diinns out of wastepaper and broken glass, but things get out of hand, of course, and events turn apocalyp-tic. Mr Laws has not quite got the measure of such a broad canvas,

The information that The Werewolves of London is the first part of a trilogy would normally the enough to make me run a mile, his. Brian Stableford is one of the most inventive and original writes working today. This book is set in 1872 and starts off in Egypt, where a party of Victorian gentlemen encounters snakes, sphinxes and wolves. The hero gets bitten and has weird dreams, while -- back in London — a Crowley-style Satan ist intrigues against the city's werewolf population. Dense, historical, almost pompous prose, packed with eccentric digres on Immanuel Kant, theology and the Victorian class system.

but writes well.



Review

Ego centre

Vienna in the Thirties was full of culture-heroes, about to be swamped by history. Anthony Quinton assesses Elias Canetti's vivid portrait

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Observations of the absurd

BOHUMIL Hrabal is regarded as the greatest living Czech novelist. A virtuoso stylist, he brings a cheeky ebullience and a powerful vernacular to the mad sweep of history. The film of Closely Observed Trains has made familiar the tale of a young railway guard stricken with premature ejaculation in occupied Czechoslovakia. But this immaculately polished novella from 1966 conveys so much more through its

imagery - brutal, sublime and comic. I Served the King of England, written 20 years later, is less intense, but proceeds with Mr Hrabal's characteristic narrative energy. It concerns the absurd opportunities befalling a Prague waiter who believes himself too small for significant life. Ditie has luck and charm, a quick eye and a willingness to learn what others want. With the odds against him, he quickly acquires money and women. When the Nazis take over Czechoslovakia, he finds himself **PAPERBACKS**

Lesley Chamberlain

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By Danilo Kis

Faber, £4.99

chosen to inseminate an Aryan maiden. But here the narrative turns and Ditie awakes. By a

sals, he ends up sharing an idyllic existence with a few animals in a courge of mirrors. He is at last his own man. Mr Hrabal's mixture of violence, cruelty and easily dazzled senses shows human dignity undone but reparable.

The Encyclopedia of the Dead, Danilo Kis's thematically linked short story collection published in Yugoslavia in 1983, is inferior to Garden, Ashes, his early biographical novel, and A Tomb for Boris Davidovich. It comprises nine stories mixing fact and fiction in a repeated concern with the nature of identity. The various assemblages of reports, book references, rumours, quotations, family gossip, letters and dreams show human knowledge to be musty and inaccurate compared with how in the title story - the divinity might see the infinite detail and the mysterious resonances within a single life. Mr Kis was a dark, powerful writer, whose early death last year was a loss.

Hell as other people

CRIME fiction, in that it seeks to replace chaos with order, is normally conservative. However when it comments on society and its ills, it becomes a literature of protest. These three paperbacks, although dissimilar in background, all question the mores of the societies they describe.

John Brady writes about Ireland in the 1980s. He describes characters whose commitment is to a united Ireland, who derive their excitement from a romanticised political involvement and whose intense private life promotes a manic quality from which they are unable to escape. The hero is Sergeant Minogue, a circumspect man who has recently survived being blown up by a terrorist bomb. This grainy and now perhaps psychologically flawed, policeman is asked to look into the death of a student, Jarlath Walsh, found, with his head beaten in, lying in the bushes of the cloisters of Trinity College, Dublin, According to Walsh's girlfriend, the murder had nothing to do with drugs or drug dealing, as the university authorities appear to imply. Minogue, despite pressure from his superiors, refuses to accept the official explanation for the killing, and becomes involved in the dubious machinations of some of those he suspects. A parallel interplay of political and criminal investigations adds a taut intricacy to the plot, which is further enriched by the subtle characterisation of the hero.

The advantage of the protagonist as a series character, as both A Stone of the Heart and Dorothy Simpson's Dead by Morning demonstrate, is that he or she is able to grow and develop from book to book. But, as the characters appear diminished by their tribulations, so they become more interesting. complex and heroic. This is true of both Minogue and Detective Inspector Thanet of Sturrenden CiD, the one battling with loss of self-esteem, the other an unwilling participant in a deadly drama of

Ms Simpson's latest offering is, as ever, in the traditional genre of the best British crime detection.

CRIME

A STONE OF THE HEART

Lisanne Radice



By John Brady Penguin, £3.99 **DEAD BY MORNING** By Dorothy Simpson Sphere, £3.50 CHAIN By Desmond Lowden BBC, £3.99

The fresh corpse of the victim, last seen 20 years ago, is found in a ditch covered with snow outside the gates of his ancestral home. As Thanet explores the circumstances of this death he stumbles upon an astonishing number of possible suspects. Questioning the kind of society which lies at the heart of the crime. Thanet reluctantly pursues what is, for him, an unhappy and questionable denouement

Chain explores the world of fraud and the seriously rich. Crown Prosecutor Michael Cassidy is caught up in a society where success is measured in the amount of sharp deals satisfactorily accomplished, and enemies are dealt with by professional killers. Chain has lots of pace and drama, as well as an acute social critique. However, its impact is weakened by the episodic nature of the writing which allows no character to develop fully, a fault no doubt due to the book's origin

Telling tales out of school

Sabine Durrant

HORSE

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THOSE IN PERIL

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Andre Deutsch, £11.99

By Ann Oakley

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ACCORDING to Molesworth, seem about as safe as the "Mona "Skool is a bit of a shambles", so he would probably have felt at home in Jaci Stephen's secondary modern. But the various "swots. bullies, cissies, milksops, greedy guts and oiks" that made his days in the playground so disagreeable are here more likely to be found in the staff room.

Definitions of a Horse is a stepby-step guide to a year in the life of a provincial comprehensive. Inspired by Gradgrind's putdown in Hard Times ("Girl number twenty unable to define a horse"), Ms Stephen takes the equestrian categories of training, grooming, feed and exercise to cast an ironic, generally disparaging light on the ins and outs of the school timetable. Riverside is a disturbing place, about as unpleasant as semolina. Kenneth Salmon, the headmaster, starts off absent-mindedly regretting his sexual

incapacity and ends by pacing the school grounds in his pyjamas. New get run over by the school bus. The people in whom parents place their trust spend their time bickering over the pros and cons of a new

photocopier. Worse than this derangement, though, is the chilling organisation operated by some of the characters around the school's periphery: the cook stewing hefty meals which tie in thematically with the characters of staff members (innocuous letter spaghetti for the English teacher, more savage undercooked liver for the resident alcoholic); the schoolgirl playing dangerous games in her CSE English oral exam.

Ms Stephen is a journalist and television critic and her first novel has its moments - grotesquely funny twists and turns - but the maliciousness becomes monotonous, while the governing idea, fine for a short, sharp newspaper piece, soon blunts. It is underlined, too, by a fundamental paradox: the facts and figures it makes play with are, in the end, as Dickens showed, an inadequate means of pinning reality down. Ms Stephen does not fall at the first, but neither does she quite

make it to the finish line. Riverside is a positive haven of delight in comparison with Mr Dampierre's special literature class in Nicolas Freeling's Those in Peril. Castang, the former criminal investigator, has been pushed, by the force of internal politics, into the art fraud squad, forcing his family to move from Lille to the suburbs of Paris and his children to change schools. His professional and domestic worlds

Lisa", the only threat to equilib rium being an imperious landlady and a fliratious colleague. But then his daughter's friend comes home after extra-curricular studies

with bruises on her breast.

This is an awkward, dislocated thriller, much of which takes place in the mind of the main character, a muddy wrestling ground between police and paternal instinct. For all his indecision, though, Castang remains a sympathetic character. The atmosphere of encroaching threat (betrayal by friends as much as sexual abuse by strangers) is achieved most of all by the use of language. The prose, although written in English, reads like a stilted translation, jerking from present tense to past, dropping nouns, linking snippets of conversation with a single adverb ("Now you can bring the gun out."

smiling. "Hand open"). Much of it feels like the briefest of stage DEFINITIONS OF A directions. This is a tough read, but strangely

soft at heart. The heart is just one of the organs that bring down Ann Oak-MATILDA'S MISTAKE ley's heroine in Matilda's Mistake. Matilda Cressey is, to all intents and purposes, a paragon of efficiency, cut-

ting a swathe through the hopeless chars at the Office of Consumer Affairs where she works (as president). Her friends she treats with organised affection, her boyfriend with matter-of-fact contempt. Everything in her life is neatly systemised - until she meets Steven van den Biot. If you thought Steven van den

Biot was the sort of name no one ever has, outside novels, you would be right. It is in fact a false name and the reasons behind the pretence, along with mysterious goings on at his alternative birth centre, galvanise Matilda's watchdog organisation into action. Their investigation, however, is complicated by Steven's charisma. The fact that babies appear to be unaccountably dying and dodgy burial rites performed is very nearly swept under the cover of

the natural natal swimming pool. Here, as in her bestselling The-Men's Room, Ms Oakley fiddles wittily with the knots of sexual relationships. But the novel soars laughably into flights of romantic fantasy - Steven whisking Matilda off to the piercing snow and interconnecting hotel rooms of Fin-land, and the humour of doctors up to their pinstriped knees in chlorine is soon lost. While the book is an educative process, it is a downward one. Babies and high

IQs, it seems, do not mix.

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CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

Assured master of puzzling unease

Closh Geoff Brown joins a strange journey with David Lynch's prizewinning, violent and erotic Wild at Heart - the uncut version

> oos mingled with cheers when David Lynch's Wild at Heart (18, Curzon West End, Screen on the Hill) won the coveted Palme d'Or at this year's Cannes Film Festival. It was as though an uncouth infidel had stormed the temple gates. For technical and imaginative assurance, Lynch bows to no one: in this follow-up to the remarkable Blue Velvet, he again creates a narrative space in which anything, however lunatic, can legitimately happen.

The problem, more than ever, lies with the way Lynch wields his power. For all the film's censorship problems in the United States - British audiences are being treated, if that is the word, to the original, uncut version - the violent and erotic images are too playful to cause offence in themselves. The cumulative effect of this hothouse artifice, however, is another matter: one gasps for fresh air, desperate for signs that the director recognises life beyond the world of cheap movie houses and the trashiest popular culture. This is a film trapped in a bubble.

Lynch begins as he means to continue. Flames erupt upon darkness; then the plot, derived from a novel by Barry Gifford, gets into its perverse stride with Nicolas Cage's macho hero Sailor Ripley, an Elvis worshipper in a snakeskin jacket, braining a knifewielding assailant as he leaves a Carolina dance hall.

A po-faced title then declares, "22 months, 18 days later": on parole from the Pee Dee Correctional Institution, Ripley absconds with his red-hot girlfriend (Laura Dern, a Blue Velvet veteran) in a search for happiness along the highways to California. They chainsmoke, make love and live at fever pitch. Hit men, plus



Hothouse decoration: Laura Dern as the ex-con's girl, searching for happiness and finding angst in Wild at Heart

Dern's possessive mother, follow in pursuit. Once the couple reach Big Tuna, Texas, the landscape becomes a jumble of deadbeats psychotics, crowned by Willem Dafoe's malignant Bobby Peru (who receives a spectacular comeuppance). Then, "5 years, 10 months, 21 days later", the lovers

find redemption of sorts, though they will never become saints. Blue Velvet derived much of its strength from the way Lynch ripped open the bland surface of mainstream middle America to reveal a maelstrom of sexual energy and naked evil. Wild at Heart cannot play this card: the maelstrom is visible right from the start. Lacking any framework of supposed normalcy, characters are free to spiral into any absurdity Lyuch wishes - here a Fifties song and dance, there a reminiscence about a cousin fond of decorating his underwear with cockroaches.

Periodic references to The Wizard

of Oz and its yellow brick road are

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on hand to provide a metaphor for the characters' journey; but they only emphasise the film's cumbersome hermetic nature.

ynch remains an awesomely original director. and a rare bird in film history - an experimental film-maker who has turned commercial without abjectly stamping on his roots. Apart from the flamboyant and brilliantly staged assaults on our sensibilities, he is a master of puzzling unease: one little sequence, in a hotel lobby staffed with two decrepits on crutches and sticks, shivers with the cryptic surrealism of a Ma-

Nothing however, seems to drive forward Wild at Heart except the director's wish to play to his newly found gallery and top Blue Velvet in outrageousness. The game has failed: compared to that minatory voyage into Ameri-ca's dark soul, this film is a ponderous, self-conscious doodle.

Newcomers to Lynch who wonder what planet this director has come from should visit the ICA Cinema during the next week when his early half-hour film The Grandmother makes an appearance. This forceful fantasy, mixing live action with animation, was made in 1970 after several years of study at the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts.

Several seeds for the future are planted: scenes of perplexing domestic turmoil, strange rituals of birth, growth and death, heavily stylised settings - the black walls and white make-up clearly pointing the way to Lynch's first feature, Eraserhead. It is plainly an apprentice work; an apprentice destined to become a sorcerer.

The Grandmother supports another curiosity from the past, Carnival of Souls - a pocket exercise in the supernatural, shot in Lawrence. Kansas, in 1961 on a frayed shoestring of a budget by an

obscure director of industrial films, Herk Harvey. At the time, Harvey's film - his only known feature - was double-bill fodder, tailor-made for the drive-in circuit, where it played with a tasty item called The Devil's Messenger. Now the cult-makers have descended, partly prompted by George A. Romero's assertion that the film inspired his zombie classic Night of the Living Dead. made six years later.

The film deserves a niche of sorts, though it is not the one indicated by the Chicago Tribune reviewer, who burbled last year about "stark Bergmanesque blackand-white photography, Antonioni-like themes of alienation and disappearance".

The young heroine - a church organist, if you please, in Utah feels alienated with good reason: she rose from a river's depths after a supposedly fatal car accident; at times she becomes invisible to others; and she is being pursued

tooth and nail by a ghoul. Harvey extracts modestly effective menace from ordinary settings - a park, a garage, a boarding house. Among the cast, an actress glorying in the name Candace Hilligloss carries herself with a chilly glare entirely suited to the heroine's predicament, while Sidney Berger. a speech instructor at the University of Kansas, sidles convincingly through his scenes as her leering fellow boarder.

The story, however, remains too thin to carry the film's weight of atmosphere; for all its odd haunting moments, Carnival of Souls is best appreciated knocked off its pedestal, in a low-grade doublebill. Now: where is The Devil's Messenger?

This is not the week for conventional product Dark Habits (15, Metro). a film from the early Eighties by the newly fashionable Spanish iconoclast Pedro Almodovar, mostly transpires in a luridly decorated convent whose inmates variously take drugs, write bodice-ripping novels, keep a pet leopard, and go by such names as Sisters Manure. Sin and Damned. But note the 15 certificate: Almodovar was aiming his film at the local youth market, not the international crowds who made a hit of Women on the Edge

of a Nervous Breakdown. Despite the material's scope for scurrilous satire and profanity, the humour remains tepid, while the storyline - involving a nightclub dancer hiding from the police with the naughty nuns - soon gets stuck in a rut.

Some pairons may take greater pleasure in the accompanying short, Dick (18), a 12-minute survey of men's genitalia from the American documentary maker Jo Meneil. While shots of some 1,000 specimens flash by, unflatteringly photographed in grainy black and white, a collage of women col-lected on the soundtrack are quizzed about their feelings and impressions. The women's descriptive phrases ("duck-billed platypus", "one-eyed trouser trout") prove the best part of an over-extended, juvenile jape. The genitalia's owners are all graciously acknowledged in the film's

CRITIC'S CHOICE: **VIDEO**

A weekly selection of films recently leased on video. The year refers to the date of first release, or in the case of relevision films, of first broadcast CASUALTIES OF WAR (18) Sean while Michael J. Fox stands apart and broods Brian De Palma drastically simplifies molives and conflicts. Though for such a blood-thirsty director the camage is comparatively restrained

CELIA (BCB, 15) Powerful and imaginative portrait of a rebellious child in Australia's restrictive society of the 1950s with a trightening performance from young Redecca Smart who makes most Hollywood tots look like title rag dolls. A striking first feature by writer-director Ann Turner 1989

DIE HARD (C8S/Fox, 18) One of 1988's monster action hits, with Bruce Willis as a bemused cop caught in a terronst attack on a high-rise office tower during Christmas Eve. Fiendishly taut direction by John McTiernan THE GENERAL LINE (Castle

Hendring PG) Eisenstein in the late

Twenties buckling down to communist propaganda about the wonders of collective larming Individual images usual power if only the subject were more personal A handsome print. though do not expect music on the soundtrack, the film is silent 1929 THE MAXIM GORKY TRILOGY (Castle Hendring PG) Mark Donskor's famous trilogy - The Childhood of Maxim Gorky, My Apprenticeship, My Universities - based on Gorky's autobiography Best in the early.

growing up on the banks of a vast river once manhood arrives, the film starts to veer towards a political tract 1938-40. RAGTIME (Parkfield, 15) Milos Forman's disappointing version of E L. Doctorow's novel about modern America in the melting out too stately in pace and pretified, though some fine performances (James Cagney Jam Olson) Leep the film alive 1981.

atmospheric parts, with the young boy

SCANDAL (Palace, 18) Oddly subdued though absorbing treatm of the 1962 Profumo scandal Convincing portrayals from Joanna Whalley as good-time girl Christine Keeler and John Hurl as the attair's scapegoat, the osteopath Stephen

SHIRLEY VALENTINE (CIC, 15). Pauline Collins as Willy Russell's Liverpool housewife, rediscovering romance with the Romeo of the Greek istands. Tom Conti Warm-hearled frim with the popular touch, though it lacks the appeal of Educating Rita 1989. TOUGH GUYS (Buena Vista, 15): Two greatly competent stars - Burt ancaster, Kirk Douglas — in a minnow of a comedy about gentlemen crooks

prison A moderately enjoyable film if you stop brooding over their wasted WHILE THE CITY SLEEPS (Odyssey, PG) No sounds of snoring in Fritz Lang's underrated thriller a murderer is running wild in New York, closely followed by reporters out for promotion. Bleak and bitter Dana Andrews heads

adjusting with difficulty to life outside

notable collection of second-rank stars 1956 WOMEN IN LOVE (Warner 18) DH Iwakeninos in a colliery town dressed up in bold cinematic linery by Ken Russell in 1969 Last year's The more staying power Glenda Jackson,



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Broadway and the beast

RICHARD Jones and Richard Hudson, the director-designer eam behind Ostrovsky's Too Clever by Half and the new London production of Sondheim's Into The Woods, will make January with a new American play, La Bete. Its author, David Hirson, is a newcomer whose play, written in rhymed couplets, promises a radical departure from the Broadway norm.

So, too, does the London-based collaboration between Jones and Hudson, given their record of stylisation throughout a ten-year partnership going back to student shows at the Royal College of Music. Specifics of the production remain to be confirmed; but Hudson promises that "Broadway won't know what's hit it".

Hello, goodbye

TRINIDAD Sevillano, the young Spanish ballerina who has delighted audiences in Britain for the past six years, is making a debut and a farewell in one week. Tonight, she makes her London debut in the



Début: Trinidad Sevillano

dual role of Odette-Odile in English National Ballet's Swan Lake. On Saturday, ber matinée appearance in the ballet marks her London farewell.

As a 16-year-old "baby ballerina", Sevillano caused a sensa-Ation when Peter Schaufuss brought her to Britain as a principal dancer with ENB (then called London Festival Ballet). Since then, she has developed an

exciting stage partnership with the French dancer Patrick Armand who will be her Siegfried for both this week's Swan Lakes. They will also mark his farewell to London. Sevillano and Armand are to join America's Boston Ballet. There are no plans yet for any guest appearances in ENB's next season, but with the paucity of great partnerships in British ballet tobe too long before they are back.

Backer backs out

LAST year Richard Demarco's production of Macbeth on the island of Inchcolm was the hit of the Edinburgh Festival. This year Demarco was led to expect he would receive about £25,000 funding for the same exercise from the Japanese businessman Zenya Hamada, who every year mounts a show of his own at the Queen's Hall. The show this year was Genius: Mozart; next year's is rumoured to be entitled Christ. Mysterious reasons dictated a change of heart from Hamada: the Macbeth was cancelled, and the money has gone to the Edinburgh Festival Chorus instead.

An ironic footnote: the Chorus director is Arthur Oldham, onetime teacher of music in an Edinburgh school. Twenty-five years ago, his art-teaching col-league was one Richard Demarco. "I'm delighted for him," Demarco says. "Yes, really delighted."

Czech-booked

THE campaign to save London's oldest purpose built concert venue moves forward with the launch of an appeal for £1 million. The great half of Blackheath Concert Halls was built in 1895; now campaigners say they need the money to restructure the hall if it is to survive as an auditorium long enough to reach its centenary. Those who have performed there include Dame Clara Butt, Harry Lauder, Percy Grainger and

The appeal will be launched on September 13 with a recital of Czech music played by the Lindsay String Quartet. The hall can seat 750, and 750 individuals who are not shy about their munificence can have a seat engraved with their name for £1,000 each.

Good taste with a touch of wildness

John Russell Taylor wanders through stylish pavilions of delight at Malmö's Nordform 90

Malmo, Sweden, particu-Larly in Malmo, is that it is regarded as a point of transit rather than as a place in itself. The location of the art exhibition Nordform 90 on a previously derelict site on the edge of the harbour accepts this fact and bids to modify it. The town, after all, is notably accessible to the five Nordic Council countries whose design is celebrated here, while the show itself has been enticing huge numbers of visitors this summer to do something more than pass

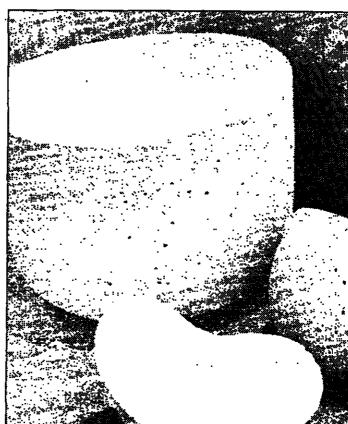
Nordform is conceived more as a miniature World's Fair than an art exhibition. Everything on the site is designed in relation to the overall concept, with, as the architect Thomas Heliquist admits, a slight backward glance at the Stockholm Exhibition of 1930. This possibly explains the curious deco erections along the quayside, faintly evocative of ships' funnels, which visually bind the disparate elements together and aurally present a number of characteristic sounds of the Nordic world, from the Music of the Spheres to the snorts of a moose bathing.

The show is divided into three major exhibition halls, along with five complete houses, one from each country, the winners of a competition to devise a terrace house for modern urban living.

The houses are perhaps the only seem more suited for weekend seaside retreats than for serious everyday living, the amount of privacy envisaged for the inhabitants being minimal even by liberated Scandinavian standards. It is sad, too, that the overall winner, the Danish house designed by a Copenhagen partnership of four, is in most respects the most conventional of the five.

The real pleasures of the show are elsewhere, however. The first pavilion, devoted to "Objects for the Eye", which turn out to be marginally functional craftworks. is a riot of colour and texture. The second, "Objects for the Body", is more severe and practical, but even here the examples of industrial design offer a bewildering variety of chair forms. demonstrating how much leeway a functional assignment can give the designer, while displays of china and glass are done with pecuhar sensitivity to exploit natural substances as base and background.

Ecological concern is an overriding factor in the new design: even when it is not very thrilling, it is deeply responsible. But wildness breaks through spectacularly in the third pavilion, which offers Objects for the Mind". In a sort of philosophical fun palace, the visitor wends his way in and out of myth and magic, from austerity to



Rounded view: sculptured ceramics by Finland's Paul Evalds

kitsch, in a highly imaginative attempt to evoke the mental furniture of the North as well as its hoped-for physical surroundings. There may not be many surprises elsewhere in the show, but

after a decade of wildness and selfindulgence in international design, quiet good taste is again beginning to look unexpectedly good. • Nordform 90 continues until September 2.

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Troubles blaze at the family hearth

TWO drama-documentaries last night dealt with real people in widely differing domestic crises. For BBC 2's ScreenPlay, Bill Morrison's A Safe House looked at the Maguire Seven, who 16 years ago were convicted of handling explo-sives in the wake of the Guildford and Woolwich pub bombings. On ITV, Not Waving but Drowning

turned out (surprisingly, for those of us expecting a life of Stevie Smith) to be a study of bankruptcy in Oxford, played by a mixture of actors and real-life financial

Unlike previous drama-docs about the Birmingham Six and the Guildford Four, A Safe House was not much concerned with the

atively relaxed viewing for Lord Denning. Morrison's script stopped short of the actual convictions, and was far more involved with the domestic detail of a family under sudden and mystifying police attack.

In that sense, it often came closer to Hugh Whitemore's A Pack of Lies, the television, and later stage, play about a suburban London marriage suddenly overtaken by a spy investigation of the Krogers. In this case the marriage was dominated by Maggie Shevlin's award-deserving portrayal of Annie Maguire, the overworked and rebellious Irish mother dealing with the ritual drunken out-ofwork husband and a family which could have stepped straight out of Brendan Behan or Scan O'Casey. Except, of course, that these Irish troubles were real.

What Morrison and director of a large cast. Moira Armstrong, best captured was the mix of Irish fatalism and truculence which, to an English policeman, has tended to suggest guilt. With the wisdom of 16 years' hindsight, Morrison has written a fine domestic tragedy with a political base.

NOT Waving but Drowning was a more surprising triumph, if only

precise legal details, and will, because its around-midnight time-therefore, have made compar- slot on Thames, and open phone slot on Thames, and open phone lines afterwards, suggested another worthy community service on debt-reconstruction. In the event, two strong performances by Tom Mannion as the bankrupt husband and Lesley Sharp as his increasingly disturbed wife were matched against real-life bank managers, bailiffs and doctors.

The play managed to suggest that an inability to manage personal finance is going to be the real heart disease of the 1990s, one needing specialised treatment if it is not to become epidemic.

FINALLY, for those needing a bit of a laugh, Absolutely returned for a second series to Channel 4. Its makers seem to have been badly burned by old Monty Python lanes and are constantly over-Cleesed with themselves. Nevertheless, the idea of a political march in support of blending machines, of a man with a Jeffrey Archer bestseller stuck up his anatomy, and of a hundred ways to use children as golf clubs and tennis rackets will have raised a few giggles.

The bleakest laugh of the week, however, was perhaps the announcement of BBC autumn schedules, dominated by the return of Bruce Forsyth's The Generation Game. SHERIDAN MORLEY

VICTOR HOCHHAUSER presents TWO SPECTACULAR EVENINGS AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER at 7.30

GRAND OPERA GALA
NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR: DAVID COLEMAN

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WITH GUEST ARTISTS OF

THE BOLSHOI, KIROV & RIGA BALLETS in a programme of popular excerpts from SWAN LAKE, DON QUIXOTE, GISELLE, NUTCRACKER etc Galina MEZENTSEVA, Iolame VALEKATTE,

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NEW RELEASES

CURRENT

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MIGNON HAS LEFT (12): Firmey Haban

story of larmly life and addlescent love, given modest scenkle by Stetania Sandralk as a hard-pressed mother of five. Metro (071-437 0757).

L'ATALANTE (PG): Jean Vigo's enthrating French classic from 1934 — a lyrical, quasi-surrest tale of newhywerts on a barge manyellously restored with extra footage, memorable performances by Das Parlo and Micros Smon.

● BACK TO THE FUTURE PART III

(FG): A sturdy crowd-pleaser to round off the screes with some amusing jokes at the

Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Paza (071-497 9999) Winteleys (071-792

BLACK RAINBOW (18): Mike Hodges' supernatural trimler about a chartetan clarwoyant (Rosanra Arquette) who foretells a minder Strong on edgy atmosp and robustly acted, though the sum is

much less than the parts. Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

♦ BLIND FURY (15): Fruity comedy-

♦ THE BOOST (18)* Cautionary tale

CINEMA PARADISO (PG) Guseone

Tomatice's notation that of a small Scition corema an appealing saute to the movies. Barbocan (071-638 8891) Curzons: Maytar (071-645 8655) Phoenix (071-240 9661).

CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS (15): Woody Allen's engrossing portrain of life's names and immonatines Strong performance by Martin Landau as an eye doctor driven to murder: engaging cornedy from Allen and Alan Alda.
Oderon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

◆ CRY-BABY (12): John Waters' frenetic

♦ DAYS OF THUNDER (12): Stock-cas

heavy on racetrack action and Torri

☐ ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR:

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THE DUCHESS OF MALFT Hamet

repertory Ends September 1.

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(071-928 8500) Underground/8R Wasen Tues-Sat 8pm Sun 6pm, mats Sat. 3pm and Sun, 2:30pm Running time 2ms.

Shakespeare Company and Roy Hudd.
Open Air, Regent's Park, Nav1 (071-486
2431) Underground Baker Street Tonight,

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Bartscan/Moorgate/St Paul's Torright, 7 30pm mar roday 2pm Running time 3hrs In

Tennest (12) commercial annual a

racens drama from the brains behald foo Gue

adventure inspired by a Jaconiese samural series, with Rudger Hauer as a blind Vietnam veterin effortlessly fighting the mob. Director Philip Nayoc. Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0831).

about a financial haster's addiction to cocain Figure performances from James Woods and Sean Young but the story is trapped in a ruf Director Handid Secker Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 (310)).

HIS Ma Rainey's Black Bottom hinted at it. his Joe Turner's Come and Gone reinforced the impression, and now Fences, the third of his plays to hit Britain within a year, confirms for our audiences what their transatlantic counterparts know, August Wilson is grittily engaged on a project of an ambition rare on either side of the pond: to dramatise the history of black America through a series of as he hopes, exemplary case-studies.

That is by no means as dauntingly abstract as it sounds. Wilson can be somewhat heavy of hand and long of wind, but his warmth and humanity are never in doubt. That cold commodity, critical esteem, might explain why Fences won its Pulitzer prize and even its Tony award. But nowadays a serious play cannot run for months and months on Broadway - as this did - unless a good many people have found something in it to arrest and excite

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What they found in Fences was a human force-field, a character of more than average power and magnetism. Troy Maxson left his violent father to emigrate from south to north, batted with success in the segregated baseball leagues. and (as he characteristically puts it) "wrestled with death" during the war, only to end up working as a dustman and living in a shabby

THEATRE

Flying Karamazov

Brothers

St Bride's, Edinburgh

THERE are four of them and they

give themselves the correct names.

but that is where the connection

with Dostoevsky stops. Boldly

moustachioed and in floppy vel-

ver caps, they look more like

Italian banditti: sometimes they

don impressive Mexican head-

gear, at others they unfasten their

pigtails and could be taken for

brick house in the urban desert. He manages simultaneously to be staid and wild, imposing burdensome rules on his son and giving his unopened pay-packet to his wife each week, yet getting drunk with some regularity, spinning tall stories and fathering a child by another woman.

All this happens between roughly 1918 and 1958, with Troy as a representative victim of that period. Circumstances have uprooted, then trapped him, Inside his head, restlessness and responsibility seem permanently at war. It is a dangerous conflict in someone as vital as he is supposed to be. It also provides quite a challenge for any performer. Yaphet Kotto, a fine American actor, communicates the responsibility fairly well and the restlessness almost to excess.

Especially in the early scenes, he is always fidgeting, scratching himself and loping around the stage in good Method style. He also mumbles and realistically slurs his words more than those at the back of the stalls might have wished. What he lacks, though, is quite the authority and menace the text ascribes to him. His voice rises from a rough growl to an outright gargle of rage in response to his upset wife or uppity son; but there is not enough emotional TNT inside the

casing.
The feeling also grows that Wilson's protagonist is more interesting than his plot. Sally Sagoe, too frisky and lightweight in her early scenes, must take some blame for the failure of Troy's relationship with his wife to come

wild-eyed hippies - except for Smerdyakov, whose red hair

grows outward instead of down

and rings a bald cranium that

Sullivan patter-song they parody,

the group is the model of a modern

juggling group. The simple back-

drop of curtains, columns and

frieze is part Temple of Luxor.

part skittle alley. But the columns

versions of these that the four toss

from hand to hand - always from

right hand to left, but by no means

routine of one man throwing three

Working up from the simple

always to their own left hand.

are gigantic clubs and it is smaller

Quoting from the Gilbert and

doubles as a drum.



Magnetic character: Yaphet Kotto as Troy Maxson in Fences

fully alive. Indeed, several supporting performances could be stronger. But Troy's battles with his son, who resents being told to take up a trade rather than a football scholarship, are the standard stuff of American drama

these days, and the play's ending is pretty bland. Alby James's direction can, admittedly, do little to change that. Elsewhere, he has work still to do.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

clubs, the other Brothers join in someone to recover it, and then drops another. At one marvellous with their complements of three point Ivan wanders upright across until, in the sequence they call the throwing-field and, by choos-Jazz Juggling, Dimitri (Paul Magid) is throwing and catching ing exactly the right moment and clubs with Smerdyakov (Sam route, is struck by none of them. Williams) at a rate of two to a bar In other routines they manage while either side of him the cool, comic Ivan (Howard J. Patterson)

such intricate tricks as playing a giant xylophone while juggling with the strikers, and juggling with three disparate items proffered by the audience (on my visit a globe, egg whisk and open can of lentil soup). They are a splendid troupe: tremendous fun and display skills that, in truth, have to be seen to be believed.

JEREMY KINGSTON of themselves, which manipulate amusing, but when he is replaced by a tiny pupper flapping its arms like wings and buzzing angrily, the effect is upsetting. The obsession with nude female puppets - long shins, enormous hips, tiny heads,

> men begin stroking one of them lasciviously. For much of the time the performers glide about as if on wheels, in the manner of the Russian Beriozhka folk dance. Towards the end, one woman does

or varying snapes.

JOHN PERCIVAL

the Orchestral Suite No 3, true to the composer's sense of uninhibited liberation from the formal bounds of the symphony, if less representative of his interest in the subtlety of different combinations.

With outsize forces, movements such as the "Valse melancolique" were too inflated to do anything but deflate the properly elusive effect of the sparse scoring. The accompaniment to the final theme was heavy-handed, too, though its variations were more imagi-

natively stage-managed. HILARY FINCH **CINEMA GUIDE**

DIE HARD 2 (15) Action-packed but relenteesty sily sequel to an already absurd ongred with Bruco Willie's cop trying to wrest Washington airport from another crop of terrorists on another Christmas Eve Odeon Leicester Square (071-830 6111). Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

> Futnam Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324). DICK TRACY (PG): The blockbuster of DICK TRACY (PG): The blockbuster of the year — dezzing to look at, though directorstar Wareh Bearry does little to breathe lite into the comic-sing detective. With Madonra. Al Paceno. Chanke Kosenio. Camden Perinway (07:-267 7034)
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♦ GRENLINS 2: THE NEW BATCH (12): Rousing sequel to the 1984 Int. admirtly balanced between monster and

cated sabie sophisparatio James. Camonis: Balkar Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-970 2636) Haymarket (071 839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0219) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-636 8861) Warnet (071-439 0791) Winteleys (071-792

♦ INTERNAL AFFAIRS (18): Tired thriller, given some lock by Brash director Wike Figgis given some lock by Bozsh director Wike Staming Pichard Gere and Andy Garcia. Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Plaza (071-467 9886).

KAMIKAZE HEARTS (18): Raw American independent film, awkwardly tectaring between fact and schools about the love little and dealy round of two activesses in the pomographic film business. Matro (071-437 0757).

THE KRLER (18): Stylish, over-the-top Hong Kong crime melodrama, equally drenched in blood and lears, with Chor Yun Far as a disaffection in-main. ICA Canama (071-930-3647).

♦ LORD OF THE FLIES (15); Flat new version of William Golding's savage novel-Harry Hook directs. Bertican (071-638 891) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148). MEN DON'T LEAVE (15): Artificial tale of a valuant widow (Jessica Lange) weathering financial and emotional storms. Talent is on display but the script's shallow senious sands the film spiralling downwards. Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Screen on the HB (071-935 3366).

MONSTEUR HIRE (15): Patrice Leconte's intense stylish version of Sittenon novel about a bachelor's dark obsession with his negribour, a styling achievement by director

Patrice Lecome. Premiere (07 i-439 4470). ◆ M/USIC BOX (15): Costa-Gavras's wmish: BUX (19; Custratorius ;
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A TALE OF SPRINGTIME (U) E'C A TALE OF SPHIRE HIRE (OF ETC Robiner's absorbing study of the games people play, with Fastinge Darie as a carnicous ferrager hoping to push her new friend (Anne Teyssome) into his futher's arms. A contest calcant. cuised delight Minema (071-235 4225).

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Gete (071-727 40/3) Lumère (071-336 0891) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

◆ TOTAL RECALL (18): Imaginative ideas poke impugnities lavest lantasy about Amoud Schwarzenteger laberating Mars, though they soon get swamped by Paul Veroceven's concress for veceral shocks. Cannon Chelsea (771-322 5096) Norting Hat Corones (071-727 6705) Obserts. Keasington (071-612 6644,5) Marbie Arch (071-722 2011) Swiss Codage (071-722 505) West Erid (071-92 5552/7615) Whateleys (071-722 505)

 TROP BELLE POUR TON (18): Gérard
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This gives the outer pair time for tricksy variations, bounces, underleg throws and the occa-

and the entirely silent Fyodor

(Tim Furst) are working at one to

sional high flier. However, this.

they would say, is too easy. So

Smerdyakov starts dropping the

odd club, disarmingly asking

DANCE

Dérives King's, Edinburgh

"I KNOW it is not really dance." my editor said recently, "but it is not anything else either." This remark could apply to many of the programmes at this year's Edinburgh Festival. The Compagnie Philippe Genty in Deriver is a case in point. The title is French for "Driftings".

A choreographer, Mary Under-'000. IS nameo, but her contribution is subsidiary to that of Genty as deviser and director. His speciality seems to be sleight of hand: creating imaginative effects which, no doubt, require several stage staff to perfect.

The five performers are supplemented by an enormous number of puppers — generally miniatures

After last Friday's Ivan the

Terrible came another Prokofiev

choral work, Alexander Nevsky,

and the ice all but cracked under

the thundering army boots of

The Battle on the Ice". As the

Russian people's chorus clashed

with the theme of the two armies.

rhythm against rhythm, key

against key, the ever-splendid Edinburgh Festival Chorus

proved themselves a match for

Ivan's Bolshoi Opera Chorus.

Soprano chest voices had clearly

been in training for weeks, and the

alto and tenor core withstood

repeated assaults from the basses.

other smaller puppets. They appear as if from nowhere, and vanish just as mysteriously. Nor does the prestidigitation stop there. Clothes which have been moving about the stage suddenly prove to have no wearers. Ropes affix themselves to a woman so that as she dances across the stage she weaves a giant spider's web. A model of a city magically turns into a smoking volcano surrounded by palm trees.

A man seems suddenly to have third arm. All this is done absolutely smoothly and usually deadpan: there are only momentary hints of emotion, which punctuate a sequence and draw attention to some new discrepancy from everyday expectations.

Occasionally, the action becomes macabre. The sight of a man caught in the spider's web is

So much for the noise. Alek-

sander Lazarev seemed to have

more difficulty creating and blending half-tones and fine

unisons, and the descent from

battle into "The Field of the

Dead" only just gave Elena

Zaremba breathing space for her

aria. It stood chillingly alone, as it

should: her heavy, full-bodied

mezzo caught the quavering of

private emotion within the rheto-

Nevsky's "cymbal-shod" feet

marched their way into Tchaikov-

sky's territory too. The concert

had begun with a performance of

ric of patriotism.

and pointed breasts - is also disconcerting especially when the

about ten legs all kicking out of one a Loie Fuller number in which a garment. Another briefly develops a big piece of fabric turns into wings

René Aubry's music is café concert stuff, effective but negligible. Eric Würtz makes a more notable contribution to the show with mysterious lighting and much use of shadow to help Genty's tricks come off perfectly every time.

If GASPING: Hugh Laune and Bernard Hill in Ben Elion's cornedy about the privatesation of air and other un-green nobins. Rather over the top but loss of laughts. Theatre Royal, Harmarket SW1 (071-930 9832) Underground Piccardidy Mon-Thuss, 8pm. Fin and Sat 8.30pm, mats. Fin and Sat 8.30pm, mats. Fin and Sat, 5.50m. Running time. 2hrs.30mars. ☐ HENRY IV: Sound production of

be emperor

Wyndham's Charing Cross Road WC2
(071-867 1116) Underground Leicester
Souers Mon-Sat 8pm mai Sat, 4pm. Running time 2hrs 20mms

I HIDDEN LAUGHTER Felicity Kendal IJ HUDEN LAGHTEH Felicity Kendal and Peter Bankworth in Simon Gray s excellent new play set in a West Courtiny contege used for 13 years of rural remails Vaudentile Strand WC2 (071-836 9988) Underground Channg Cross Mon-Fr., 7.45pm, Sat 8.30mm, mats West 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time. 2hrs 15mms.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only ☐ Seats at all pnces

O JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: James Botom as the Grack-about-town columnist. A great show if you're happy in the company of orunks. columns: A great snow a you're happy in the company of drunks.

Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663) Underground Pacadally Cegus MooFri, John Sal 8 30pm, max Sat, Spen. Running Sime, 2hrs 20mns.

(I) KEAN: Derek Jacob: in splendid forum as the low-born actor with a kleking

de the previous acts with a sequency identity problem. Did Vic Theatre. Waterto Road SE1 (07:928.7816) Underground/BR Watertoo. Mon-Fn, 730pm Sat Opm. mass Wed, 230pm, Sat. 4pm Russing time 2hrs 45mms. KING LEAR. Bran Cox in Deborah Warner's ambitious production, with lan Marcellen and David Bradley National Theorie (Lytelann) (as left). Tomorrow, 7pm mal Sal, 1pm Residend Altrs Smiths In repertory with Flictiand &

 MAIN OF THE MOMENT: Masterly comedy by Ayokbourn good meas evil on the Costa det Sol, with tage! Planer and Gareth Hunt. Globe Theatre: Shaftesbury Avenue, W1

(071-437 3867) Underground Piccodily Orcus Mon-Fn. 7 45pm Set 8.30pm, many Wed. ☐ MOTHER COURAGE: Glende Jackson in powerty voice as Brecht's wandering moneymake.
Mermaid: Puddle Dock, EC4 (071-41)

0000) Mon-Fn. 7.45pm, Sat. 8pm, mat Sat. 4pm Running time. 2hrs 45mms. Closes September 22. ☐ MORTE D'ARTHUR: David Freeman's

LI MORTE D'ARTHUR: David Freenan's maramoth two-evening epic. A noisy first part but moments of ward drame in the second. Lync Hammersmith, King Street, WG (081-741 2811/cc 071-836 3464) Underground: Hammersmith, Part 1: Mon and Wed, 7.15pm, Part 2: Tues and Thurs, 7: 15pm, Parts 1 and 2 Fin, 2 15pm, with supper interval), NB Part 1 begins at the Lync Theatre, Part 2 at St Paul's Cauch. Running time. 7hts.

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PLANET: Hit rock in roll show, tacky but jolly.
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Squere Mon-Thurs 8pm Fn and Set,
8.30pm mats Fn and Set, 5pm Russing time.
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National Theorie (Clivier) (as left) Tonight, bindromy. 7 (Spin mail tomorrow, 2pm.

Bunning time 2hrs 55mms. ☐ SHADOWLANDS: Nigel Hawthome

and Jane Areginder, who has taken over hom-dated Lapotasee, star in the toeching play about C.S. Lewis is british surriver love. Custor's Theories Smithestory Avenue, "hit 1071-724 1185(971-429 3849) Lindatement Description Control Materials Underground Proceedily Circus Mon-Sat, Spin, male Wed, 3pm and Sat, 430pm. Russing later, 2km, 40mm I SHRILEY VALENTINE: Ekzabeth

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Royal Court Spans Souter SW1 (071-730 1745) Underground State Soutre Mon-Set. 7 30pm, max Set. 2-30pm Running time. 3hrs 30mms. THE WOMAN IN BLACK: Superior thelier complete with musts, mystery and old

graves: Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, WC2 (071-835-2238): Underground: Coveru Gerden, Mon-Sat. Spm, mais Tues, 3pm and Set, 4pm: Rusning time, 2hrs. LAST CHANCE: 12 Leave Taking: Lync Seudo, Hammersmith (081-741 8701)

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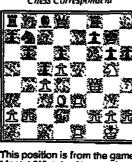
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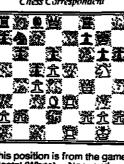
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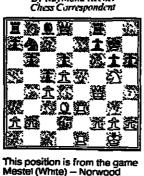
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10.55 Five to Eleven, Poetry with pupils
from the Moor Park High School, Preston (r) 11.00 News and weather followed by

Peaceable Kingdom: Lonewolf.
American drama series. Rebecca
finds that standing by one sprinciples 12.00 News and weather followed by The Garden Party. More from the Botanic - Gardens in Clasgow. Includes reports on the activities of the Hong Konn becard Trial administration. Kong-based Triad criminal syndicate, the threat to Shetland

seabirds, first kisses and the defence sports of judo and karate 12.55 Regional News and weather 1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip

Hayton, Weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 He Who Dares: Dying for a Living. True stories of people who survive against the odds: Derek Ware is a professional stuntman; shot at, blown up, and dropped from a great height. hy does he do it? (r) 2.20 Film: Halls of Montazuma (1950)

starring Richard Widmark, Jack Palance and, in his screen debut, Robert

BBC.2

Wagner, A company of American

6.45 Open University: Inner-City Story:

Opposing Racism. Ends 7.10 9.00 Mastermind 1980 (r) 9.30 The Sacred Horses of Tamil Nadu.

The Sacred Horses of Tamit Nadu.

The first recording on film of an ancient south indian festival, dedicating huge clay horses to the god Ayanar (r) 10.00 it's That Meal Again. The delights of wartime cookery are recalled by chef Michael Barry. Coupons in hand, two families from Southampton live a sixweek experiment surviving on 1942 rations

10.30 Arthur Negus Enjoys. Arthur takes a

particularly furniture and clocks (r) 10.50 Cricket: Third Test, Tony Lewis

1.05 Past and Present Preserved: ...

1.20 Mr Benn. Ray Brooks with more

1.35 Cricket: Third Test. Live coverage of

the whole of the afternoon's play

commentate, Play Illingworth and Sunil Gavaskar summarise. Includ

animated adventures (r)

stroil around Badminton, well known for horse events, but less for the

collection of antiques contained within,

introduces live coverage of the opening day's play between England and India from the Oval

Museum for Bicycles "Velorama". Situated on the River Waal in the

history of the bicycle, from its early

Netherlands, this museum charts the

wooden days to the advanced machines

between England and India from the Oval. Richie Benaud and Jack Bannister

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marines fight their way across a Japanese-occupied Pacific island during the second world war. Efficient action adventure, directed by Lewis

4.10 The All New Popeye Show (r) 4.35 Bad Boyes, A ten-part drama series (r) 5.00 Newsround 5.10 Steel Riders. Thriller saries from New Zealand. There is a chase through darkened streets, and Sandra and Mike begin their fight-

beck. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern
freiand: Sportswide, 5.40 Inside Uister
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather 6.30 Regional News Magazines. Wales: Wales Today; Northern Ireland:

7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Nicky Campbell 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) 8.00 Life on One. Serah Greene, Simon Mayo, Sankha Guha, Nikki Spence and Judith Barns investigate food.

including ice-cream made from potatoes, microscopic fungi, pasta rom the sea and calone-free fats 8.30 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. Michael Crawford's bumbling funny-man Frank Scencer takes a crash-course public relations (r). Northern ireland:

Dad's Army 9.00 Nina O'Clock News with Michael Buerk, Weather 9.30 The Play on One: Separation.

CHOICE: Rosanna Arquette's much-publicised British television début finds her playing opposite David Suchet in Tom Kempinski's two-hander about a crippled young American actress and an agoraphobic British writer who strike up an unlik rienship over the transatiantic

Portrait of an ordinary day in the ordinary

programme is more about people than

Yvonne Roberts interviews three women who neatly illustrate different facets of the role. Representing the traditional pre-feminist spouse is Janilyn

profits this week as it explores the changing role of the corporate wife.

McConnell, married for 39 years to

time she has suppressed her own

leading light in the petroleum wives' group. Sue Carr, married to the chairman of Spain's second-largest

chain store, was also a full-time company wife who moved 13 times to

she started a career of her own and the

Amanda Stayton has a demanding job in public relations and a two-year-old

son and earns more than her partner, an obliging "new man" willing to shere the domestic chores. Wales: Gardening

Stubbs ask whether football can survive

support her husband's career. Then

couple now live in different cities.

Together 8.00 The "Slap" Maxwell Story. Above

starring Dabriey Coleman 8.25 On the Line. Sue Mott and Ray

9.00 The Travel Show. Penny Junor

in its present form

average American cornedy series

an oil industry executive during which

interests to help his career, entertain his business contacts and become a

7.10 A Day in the Life of Sam the Dog.

7.35 Business Matters: The Company

● CHOICE: The business



Seeking a lifelina: David Suchet (9.30pm)

she physically, he emotionally, and on his side at least, the professions relationship (she appears in an off-off-Broadway production of his play) is a means to resolving his personal hang-ups. The piece was written for the theatre and despite the use of black and white stills to punctuate the scenes the director, Barry Davis, makes little attempt to disguise its stage origins. But this is an actor's piece. Arquette gives the sort of sparky performance that has become her trademark in films, while Suchet's fat, sweaty, self pitying neurotic is a million miles from his neatly assured Hercule Poirot.

(Ceefax)

10.50 Cricket: Third Test. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the first day's play between England and India in the third and final test from the Oval 11.20 James Brown in East Berlin. The godfather of Soul performs in his distinctive style 12.10am Weather

Maribi Henner mests Tracey Uliman (9.30pm)

rinning eight-part series on life in one of

security prisons. Known as the Block,

segregation unit is home to the prison's

more subversive element. Tensions

run high, especially when one prisoner grasses on another or an anguished detainee is placed in the controversial

9.50 Strangeways: The Block, Award-

breaking prison rules. The

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow 11.15 Edinburgh Nights. More Festival news from Kirsty Walk and Tracy MacLeod 11.55 Weather

12.00 Weekend Outlook. A preview of this

12.05am Open University: Special Needs

Pack report on trusncy and

in Education. The impact of the 1977

indiscipline in Scottish schools on

Fraserburgh and Glasgow. Ends

remedial education in Aberdeen

weekend's Open University

strip cell (r)

programmes

Britain's overcrowded maximum

D1 is Strangeways' punishment landing where inmates are sent for

ITY LONDON

6.00 TV-am 9.25 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe (r) 9.50 Thames News and

the Viking 10.50 News headines 10.55 Treasure Island in Outer Space 11.50 Thames News and weather 11.55 Porky Pig 12.05 The Riddlers (r) 12.25 Home and Away 12.55 Tharnes

1.00 News at One with John Suchet.

attacks the government is water onvatisation scheme; the Burningham Chinn family explore further options for a greener lifestyle, Rob Whitehouse asks whether Volvo's plans for an environmentally friendly car are realistic; and Howard Drury offers organic gardening tips (r) 1.50 A Country Practice

problem page comes to the small screen, offering advice and problems to mental illness

2.50 What's My Line? Angela Rippon hosts the guess-the-occupation game, well past its sell-by date. Team captains Jilly Cooper and Roy Hudd are assisted by Simon Williams and Kim Hartman 3.15 News headines 3.20 hames News and weather 3.25 The Young Doctors

weather 9.55 Inspector Gadget (r) 10.25 Vicky

News and weather

1.20 Daytime Green: The Earth Dwellers' Guide. Actor Tony Robinson

2.20 Dear Minam. Dr Minam Stoppard's information on anything from marriage

3.55 The Raggy Dolls 4.10 Disney's Duck Tales 4.35 Speedy and Datty 4.40 The Cup. The last of three programmes from the European Broadcasting Union drama

exchange project for children is a Belgian adventure story. The Spiders and the Rockys are two skateboarding gangs. Romance blossoms between Jack's younger sister and Mike. However, Jack and Mike are the leaders of the two gangs and Jack is determined to have his revenge at

the skateboarding championship 5.10 Blockbusters 5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 5.55 Thames Help. Debt problems? Jackie Spreckley offers advice 6.00 Home and Away (r) 6.30 Themes News and weath

7.00 Emmerdale. (Oracle) 7.30 Nature Watch: Lost in the Garden of Eden. Julian Pettder presents the nature series which today examines the kiestyle of large orange orangutans. According to Dr Birute Galdikas, these engaging creatures have never left the Garden of Eden. But now their habitat is threatened, forcing the doctor to provide a halfway house

for these innocent victims 8.00 The Bill: My Favourite Things. The police series which, despite having to find two new stories each week, continues to leave all rivals standing. In tonight's episode Sun Hill is thrown into chaos by an impending demonstration and the high-handed inspector Monroe (Colin Tarrant). (Oracle)

8.30 Jimmy's. Real-life drama from the country's biggest teaching hospital, St James's in Leeds

9.00 L.A. Law. More case loads for the sophisticated American law firm. Starring Harry Hamlin, Susan Dey and Corbin Bernsen. (Oracle) 10,00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somervilla. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather

10.35 Thames Summer Season: A Room of One's Own. Virginia Woolf made an impassioned plea to the women of the Twenties to possess money and a room of their own. Her controversial statement has as much impact today as it did then. Eileen Atkins wittily recreated Woolf's lecture on the London stage last year and her acclaimed performance has now been adapted for television

11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am It's My Belief. Nick Stuart talks to Victor Guazzelli, the Roman Catholic bishop who grew up in the East End

of London 1.00 Film: Esther and the King (1962). Richard Egan and Joan Coltins star in Raout Walsh's tedious biblical epic about a Jewish girl chosen to be the new wife of the Persian king 3.00 The Invisible Man: Bank Raid (b/w). More invisible cloak and-dagger 3.30

Funny Farm. Scottish humou 4.00 The New Sessions, Music for night owls with What? Noise in concert at the Manchester Hacienda Club 4.30 America's Top 10 (r) 5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman.

Ends 6.00

asked for money for an interview 8.30 My Two Dads: The Wedge.

manager she had long admired

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Noah's Ark. The nature programme looks at Grey's Glacier in the extreme south of Chile (r)
6.20 Business Daily
6.30 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 The Art of Landscape, Landscape

foolage accompanied by music 11.00 As it Happens. Undertaking all things Scottish, Michael Groth and his uninhibited camera crew visit the Opan Highland Games, sail to the Isle of Skye and go in search of the Loch

less monster 12.00 Scotland's War: General Sikorski's Scotsmen. The fourth of seven programmes tells the story of the Polish general's exile in Scotland during the second world war with 25,000 of his men

12.30 Business Daily, Financial and business news service 1.00 Sesame Street (r)

2.00 Return to Nursing: Good Practice. An Open College programme looking at areas of nursing that have changed and developed over the past few years. This week, clinical practices

2.30 Channel Four Racing from York. Introduced by Brough Scott and featuring the Moorestyle Convivial Maiden Stakes (2.35); Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes (3.10); Bradford & Bingley Handicap (3.45); and the Pacemaker Update Lowther Stakes (4.15)

4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers

5.00 Film: Dick Barron Strikes Back (1949, b/w) starring Don Stannard. Pacy thrills as special egent Dick saves Britain from a gang of international villains and their lethal atomic ray. Strictly B-picture fare, a poor shadow of the radio series. Directed by Godfrey Grayson

6.20 Animation: Success/The Fly. Animated films from Hungary

look at Bugs Bunny's fiftieth

Newman and Tom Crabtree talk to Edward Blishen about their favourite paperbacks (s)

4.35 Kaleidoscope: (r)
5.00 PM with Frances Coverdale
and Niall Dickson 5.50
Shipping Forecast 5.55
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6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial

portraits of great radio figures. Writer, politician, lawyer and lynost A. P. Herbert 8.0 Back to Africa: Ferdmand

Dennis's sox-part journey through West Africa concludes in Ghane (s)

ritagerald's novel The Gate of Angels, set in Cambridge in 1912, where no ternate has ventured before; a feature by Lindsay Russell on film and

7.20 Radio Lives: Last of six

8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for the disabled 9.15 Kaleidoscope: Includes Mik Maran's review of Penelope

7.0 News 7.05 The Archers

6.30 Kate and Allie: Whatever Happened to Romance? Comedy with the American divorcees as Allie's advertisement for part-time work ends up in the personal column by mistake. Starring Jane Curtin and Susan aint James

7.00 Channel Four News 7.50 Comment followed by Weather



Julie Welch's hopes for football (8.00pm)

8.00 Opinions: Julie Welch - The Search for Love and Glory.

CHOICE: Julie Welch presents a personal view of football from the perspective of a child star-struck on Danny Blanchflower and a journalist who breached a male stronghold and became the country's first woman soccer reporter. Her essay is a mixture of nostalgia, acute social observation and a heartfelt hope that the came she once adored can be rescued from the hooligans, the politicians, the agents and the money men. Welch brilliantly evokes her first memories of the game, catching the results over the wireless during Saturday afternoon tea and following the giants of the day, Matthews, Mannion and Finney, through their pictures in the newspapers. No telly saturation then. Her 13 years as a reporter started with George Best and ended in crowd disasters, violence and greed. The moment she fell out

of love with football was when a

Comedy about an orphaned 12-year-old girl charged into the care of two men 9.00 Film: Return to Earth (1976). CHOICE: Cliff Robertson, an actor often at his best playing flawed heroes, is "Buzz" Aldrin in a superior television movie about the astronaut's mental breakdown two years after his historic moon landing in 1969. Painfully but unsensationally, the film charts Aldrin's growing disorientation as powers of reason start to leave him and he can no longer cope with a high-pressure life. By filming at Nasa locations at Houston, Texas, and in Los Angeles, and using footage of the moon flight, the director Jud Taylor effectively establishes the public context but the story is essentially a private one. It involves Aldrin's elationships with, on the one hand, his father (Raiph Bellamy), who cannot come to terms with his son's weakn

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strongly acted throughout and treats its theme with simple sincerity
10.25 Billy the Fish. Episode five of the
Viz-inspired footballing cartoon character, with the voices of Harry Enfield (r)

and, on the other, his wife (Shirley

Knight), finally alienated by his

remoteness. Return to Earth is

10.30 Drop the Dead Donkey. Comedy drama set in a television news agency 11.00 Chicken Ranch (1982). The Nick Broomfield documentary season continues with his revealing study of the girls and the madams of the Chicken Ranch, a luxurious and legalised brothel in the Nevada desert 12.30am Film: Orchestra Rehearsal (1978) starring Balduin Beas, Clara

Colosimo and Elisabeth Labi. Federico Fellini's study in authoritarianism in which he uses the analogy of an orchestra in rehearsal. With English subtitles, Ends 1.55

RADIO L.

FM stereo and MW 5.00am Jakki Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.0 Simon Bates 11.00 The Radio 1 Roadshow 12.80pm Newsbest 3.00 Mike Read in the Alternoon 5.50 News 90 6.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Top of the Page 7.50 Philip Scholield 8.30 John Peel

RADIO 2

4.00am Alex Lexter 6.30 David Allan on 9.30 Katia Bovie 11.0 James Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.05 Gloris Humpford 4.00 Richard Zug Goria (fundicio 400 futualis Clayderman in Concert 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jimmy Cricket 7eam 7.30 Wally Whyton 9.00 Gloria Gaynor introduces Durn 7.00 Jamps Critical Plant 7.30 valve Whyton 9.00 Gloria Glaynor introduces a series tooking at gospel music 9.45 The Best of English 10.00 Martin Keiner 12.05am Jazz Parada 12.30 ft a Palm Court Time with the Swiss Palm Court Ensemble 1.00-4.00 presents Night Ride. MW NB no MW service between 6.00am-7.00pm except 3.00-3.30pm Pacing from York (3.10 Keensland Nuthiorpe Stakes) 8.45-7.00pm Sport and Classified Rebuilts

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am World News 6.09 24 Hours; New Summary 6:30 Londres Matin 9:59 Westher
7:00 Newsdest 7:30 Japan Five, Wales Ni
7:40 The Ferming World 8:00 World News
8:09 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial
News 8:30 White On 8:45 Network LK 9:00
World News 9:09 Words of Feith 9:15 Good
Books 9:30 John Peel 10:00 World News
10:09 Review of the British Press 10:15 The
World Today 10:30 Financial News followed
by Sports Roundup 10:45 Society Today
11:01 Assignment 11:30 Mati Magazine
11:59 Travel News 12:00 World News
12:05pm News about British - 12:15
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News 2:09 24 hours, News Summary and Multiprach 21.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 World News 2.09 24 hours; News Surranary and Financial News 2.20 Network UK 2.45 Sportsworld 3.00 Outlook, opening with World News 3.30 Off the Shaff: On the Eve 3.45 White On 4.00 Newsreet 4.15 EBC English 4.30 Haute Aktuel 5.00 World News 5.09 News About Britain 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Sor 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuel 7.00 German Festures 7.54 News 8.40 The Farming World 9.00 World News 8.40 The World Today 9.25 Words of Fadh 9.30 Mendian 10.01 Sports Roundup 10.15 Seven Seas 10.30 Global Concerns 10.45 White On 11.00 Newshour 12.00 World News 12.15 Music Review 1.00 Newsdesk News 12.15 Music Review 1.00 Newsdesk 13.00 The American 1.00 The Property 2.01 Outlook Nava 12-10 Aussic Florew 1-04 revolutions
1.30 The Amedicus Logacy 2.01 Outlook
2.25 Financial News 2.30 Jazz Now and Them
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guides us around the Gower Peninsula and Swansea and this week's resort 2.00 and 3.00 News and weather, and at 3.50 Regional news and weather.
6.30 Show Jumping. David Vine introduces highlights of the first day's competition from Hickstead. report is on Praia de Rocha on Portuguese Algarve 9.30 The Tracey Ultman Show. Marilu Henner is the guest

6.35am Open University (FM only): The Romantic Poets Weather and News Headlines Morning Concert: Van Brea (Allegro for Four String Quartets: Academy of St Martin under Neville Marriner): Strawinsky (Dumbarton Celes: Columbia CO under the

7.30 News
7.35 Moming Coacert (cont):
Nielsen (Overture: Maskarade:
Gothenburg SO under MyungWhun Chung); Wagner,
transcr Gould (Dawn and
Siegfried's Rhine Fentasy:
Glenn Gould, piano); Krommer
(Partita in F. Op 57:
Netherlands Wind Ensemble);
Bach (Concerto in D for three
harpsichords and strings, harpsichords and strings, BWV 1063: Kenneth Gliber

Trevor Pinnock and Lars Utrik Mortensen play the harpschords, English Concert) 8.35 Composers of the Weelc
Weber. The Berkshire String
Quartet with Benny Goodmen,
clarinet, performs Quintet in B
flat, Op 34. The Leipzig Radio
Chorus, Steatskapelle
Dresden under Marek lanowski with Tom Krause baritone, as Lysiant perior Euryanthe, Overture and

excerpts; and planists Lucia Mcrucci and Maurizio Galli perform the Huit Pièces, Op 60, March no 7 9.35 Stemdale Bennett: Pianist Malcolm Binns performs

Melcolm Binns performs
Soneta in F minor, Op 13
10.15 Bauckner (FM only from
10.45): The ECO Wind
Ensemble under Matthew
Best, with the Corydon
Singers and John Scott,
organ, performs Mass in E
Minor Minor

10.45em-6.30pm (MW only): Test
Match Special: England v
India. The first day of the third
Comtrill rest at the Oval

1.05pm (MW only) News
1.10 Test Match Special (MW only).

Test Match Special (MVV Only, cont): A Passage to India. England's last four of India in 1984/5 1.35 County Scoreboard 1.40-6.30 C 3.45 County Talk ard 1.40-6.30 Commentary 11.00 Edinburgh International Festival (FM only): Live from the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh. The Panocha String Chartet performs Heydn (String -Quertet in D. Op 76 No 5) and Martinů (Concerto da Camera), 11.50 Third Ear in Edinburgh 12.10 Janácěk (String Quartet No 2) 1.00pm (FM only): News

Mary Mary Control of the Control of RADIO 3 programmes, pienist Paul Sonatas in F sharp, Op 78; and C Minor, Op 111) 1.55 (FM only) Ulster Orchestra: The orchestra under Hillary

Fantasia in G minor, Op 77; Binns, piano, performs Saint Birris, parro, perrorne cams-seëns (Overture, Princess Jaune); Cesar Franck (Symphonic Variations); and Mehul (Symphony No 2 in D)

2.50 (FM only): The Tender Land. The chorus and orchestra of the Plymouth Music Series, Minnesota, under Philip Brunelle, periorm Aaron Copland's only full-length

opera
4.50 (FM only) Flute, Clarinet and Piano: Judith Pearce, flute, Anton Weinberg, clarinet and alto-saxophone, and Susan Bradshaw, piano, perform (Koechlin (Fourteen Pieces); (Fenel (Sonatrias): Mitheuri

Koschin (Fourteen Pieces);
Krenek (Sonatins); Milhaud
(Duo concertant); Milhaud
(Duo concertant); Villa Lobos
(Chorce No 2); and Koechlin
(Epitaphe de Jean Harlow) (r)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure (FM only
until 6.30)
7.00 News
7.05 Young Benjamin Franklin: Part
1: Childhood (r)
7.30 Proms 1990: Live from the
Albert Hall, London. The
National Youth CO under Colin
Devis, with Imogen Cooper,
piano, performs Tippett
(Divertmento on Sellinger's
Round); Mozart (Piano
Concerto No 24 in C minor, K
481). 8.20 An Introduction to
southern Italy: Augustus

them Italy: Augustus . e's Italian tour 8.40 sohn (Symphony No Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4, Italian) 9.25 Four Dreadful Tales: Part 1: A Dreadful Night by Anton

Dreamu regit by Anian Chekhov 9.40 A Viennese Pot-Pourri: Lisa Beznosiuk, flute, and Nigel North, guitar, perform M Guillani (Gran Duetto Guillani (Gran Duetto
Concertante, Op 52):
Schubert, arr Disbelli (Waltzes,
Op 9): and Beathoven, arr
Disbelli (Pot-Pouri)
10.15 Mother and Daughter: Tracy
Chadwell, soprano and
Pamela Lidtard, piano, perform
Nicola Lufanu (A Penny for a
Song): Elizabeth Maconchy
(Three Songs 1985 first (Three Songs 1985, first broadcast); Lefanu (I am Bread, first broadcast); and

nchy (Sun, Moon and Stars) 11.00 Composers of the We Stravinsky (The Fairy's Kiss, Movements) (r) 12.00 News

RADIO 4

25 - 425 - 5. LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55em Shipping For iem Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, icl 6.30, 7.0, 7.30, 8.0, 8.30, News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.43 Random Shots (s) Compilation of letters from the Shooting Times 1870-1935 (2 of 5) 8.57

9.00 News
9.05 Punters: An opportunity for listeners to report on life's problems, injustices and

9.45 Life with Lederer: Helen Lederer tackles some of life's problems with wit and style (s) News; The Natural History Programme 10.45 An Act of Worship (s)

theatre director to be spoken of (in *The Times*, what's more) in the same breath as the two Peters, Hall and Brook. And

Theatre, and more recently with the RSC and the National. She comes across more of a modest sparkler than a roman candle, which is not surprising considering the austerity of her first Lear, for Kick (the set was three ladders), and her second Lear, now at the National which, as a production, is not all that much more spectacular 11.50 First Person: Series of talks by first-time broadca

12.00 News; You and Yours with John Warle John Warte
12.25pm Looking Forward to the
Past (new series): Robert
Booth takes a light-hearted
view of history (s) 12.55

1.00 The World at One 1.40 The

11.45 Fine Arts Brass: The popular chamber ensemble display the lighter side of their repertoire (5) (r) 12.00-12.33em News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

Selfs (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Cloak

FM as LW except FM as L.w except: 1.55-2.0pm Listening Comer (s) 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.45-12.25am Open University: 11.45 Organic Chemistry 12.05 New Information Technology.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053ki-tz/285m; 1089ki-tz/275m; FM-97 6-59.8. Radio 2: 693ki-tz/453m; 909ki-tz/330m; FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215ki-tz/247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198ki-tz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152ki-tz/261m; FM 97.3. Capitai: 1548ki-tz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458ki-tz/205m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648ki-tz/463m.

ITV VARIATIONS

As London except 8.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 10.35 Folo 11.05 Gloss 12.05am Donahue 1.00 Eurocop 2.45 Raw Power 3.45 Senta Barbara 4.40-5.00 Fatty Years On Daughters 3

SORDER As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 8.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Watching 10.35 NB 11.05 Scottist Frontiers — On Madicine 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35am Film: The Mummy 2.15 Video View 2.45 America's Top Ten 3.15-5.00 Film: The Young I overs

Young Lovers CENTRAL

As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 News 7.30-8.00 Watching 10.35 Off the Peg 2 11.05 1st Night 11.35 Kopå 12.35am Video View 1.05 Jake and the Fat Man 2.05 America's Top Ten 2.35 The Concert: Crazyhead 3.35 The Funny Farm 4.05-5.00 Johnforder 6.30 My Music: Musical panel game

GRANADA

As London except: 1.50pm-2-20 Coming of Age 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Watching 10.35 Femilies 11.30 Frontiers 12.00 Siedge Hammert 12.35em Film: The Mummy 2.15 Video View 2.45 America's Top Ten 3.15-5.00 Film. The Young Lovers

HTV WEST

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Lindsay Hussell on film and theatre extras; a look at Carl Nielsen's Violin Concerto and Symptony No 4; plus Sir Yehudi Menuthin with the Royal Philharmonic (s) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with David Sile (s) HTV WALES AS HTV West except: 6.00pm-8.20 Wales at Su. 7.30-8.00 UK. Aerobics Champion-shops 10.35-11.35 Welsh Learner of The Year

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Peters, Hall and Brook. And not utmaturally, Sue Mac-Gregor makes a point of mentioning the flattering fact this moming when raising the curtain on her interview with Deborah Warner, a woman with a decade or so of innovative theatre work to her credit, inaugurally with Kick Theatre, and more recently.

Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Today's

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GCSE results improve again but maths entries drop

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

examinations published today show a third successive improvement in all grades but an unexplained drop in the number of entries for mathematics, history and computing.

The proportion of pupils achieving the top three grades, which equate to a pass at O-level, is up by more than 2 per cent. For A grades alone the improvement was 0.8 per cent and every subject except French showed an increase.

Ministers and 'educationists used the results to counter allegations of falling standards in schools. Michael Fallon, the schools minister, said: "I am confident that this represents a

Denning to retract Guildford Four remark

By Frances GIBB

LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT LORD Denning, former Master of the Rolls, and The Spectator have agreed to apologise publicly and to retract remarks made in an article in the magazine last week to the effect that the Guildford Four were "probably" guilty.

The apology and retraction, making clear that Lord Denning and the magazine accept that the Guildford Four are innocent, will appear in the Spectator today.

The remarks made by Lord Denning in an interview with Andrew Wilson caused a furore last week. The solicitor for two of the Guildford Four threatened to sue for libel.

Asked to comment on the fact that, had capital punishment existed, the wrong men would have been hanged, Lord Denning replied: "No, probably the right men. Not proven, that's all." Lawyers for the two demanded a full and unqualified retraction.

Yesterday, a statement issued on behalf of the two, Carole Richardson and Patrick Armstrong, said The Spectator, Dominic Lawson, its editor, Mr Wilson and Lord Denning had agreed "to give the retraction, apology and undertaking in terms acceptable to our clients and to pay our client's legal costs". The two had not

Their solicitor, Alastair Logan, said last night that Lord Denning and The Speciator now accepted the article was defamatory. Lord Denning said he had agreed to the statement through his solicitors and had nothing to add.

RESULTS of this year's GCSE real increase in achievement, of which pupils and their teachers can be proud."

John Edmundson, secretary of the Joint Council for the GCSE, said: "We are very pleased with the results. There will be those who say that standards are slipping if increased percentages get high grades, but they represent the professional judgment of the examiners and reflect the improvement in education brought about by the GCSE."

The number of GCSE papers taken fell by almost 8 per cent. Although multiple entries make it impossible to translate this figure into pupil numbers, demographic decline may account for about 5 per cent of the drop. The examining boards will conduct their own enquiries to establish why the

decrease was greater.
Mr Edmundson said the figure for mathematics was particularly worrying when compared with entries for English. The two subjects traditionally attracted similar numbers but while entries for English were up by almost 6,000, those for mathematics had dropped by 45.000.

Some experts speculated that teachers might be reluctant to enter weak candidates because of the requirement to publish school examination records. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, expressed concern over the decreases for history and computer studies and said that the debate on the national curriculum would have to take them into account.

Entries for computer studies were down by almost 20 per cent on 1989, while a second successive drop in history produced a drop of 14 per cent since 1988. Mr Edmundson said that the spread of computers as an educational aid in all subjects had made pupils less likely to want to take computing as a separate course.

A rise in popularity for the combined English and English literature schemes was reflected in more entries and numbers taking business studies also went up. A big rise in the number of pupils taking science merely cancelled out the loss of entries for the three separate sciences.

The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers said the results had disproved predictions that the GCSE would be a poor substitute for O-levels, pointing to improvements in top pass rates for English, mathematics and science.

Derek Fatchett, Labour's edu cation spokesman, said he was disturbed by the numbers of entries in mathematics but expressed pleasure at the overall results.

Table, page 6



Worried customers waiting at the Queensway store in Walthamstow, northeast London yesterday

Shambles as stores reopen

Continued from page 1

and on to the roof of his car. "This is ridiculous. I don't see how they can sell for cash things that actually belong to the creditors," she said.

Yesterday, a spokesman for the receivers, Ernst & Young, admitted the situation was a shambles. By 4.30pm they had no idea of how many of the firm's 417 shops had been opened although it was clear that many had stayed shut. In Bradford, angry customers, some who had paid more than £1,000 for goods, gathered at the Queensway store where notices on entrance doors informed them the store would remain closed until "further notice".

The receivers said: "Local managers were given information packs and guidance by the receivers but at the end of the day it was up to them to open the shops. Some could not ensure orderly

trading." It also appeared that not all shop managers were following the receivers instructions which were that if goods had been paid for in full and were in the shops, customers should be able to collect them. The receivers said that the shops should open again today.

At Edmonton, Tuncer Ibrahim was one of the few customers smiling. He secured a deal on a three-piece suite for around £1,100. "I had already ordered it and paid about £200 deposit, which I may or may not yet get back, but it was still worth paying the price they were asking today,' he said as he loaded it onto a van. exactly what his wife wanted to complete the newly decorated lounge of their home in Edmonton.

Another customer who received some satisfaction was Ron Strutt from Guildford, Surrey, who had paid £796 for a carpet and whose

WEATHER

ABROAD

except on western coasts, which will tend to stay cloudy. Northern Ireland and southern Scotland will be cloudy at first

with some bright intervals. The rest of Scotland will become increasingly cloudy with rain spreading from the west.

Outlook: Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with rain in the west. England and Wales will stay mainly dry.

case was highlighted in The Times earlier this week. He was telephoned by his local Carpetland and told that his carpet would be delivered, although he would have to pay the fitting costs himself and then claim the money from the insurance fund.

Less fortunate was Dave McDermott, from Enfield, north London, who paid over £200 deposit for a suite of furniture expecting delivery in October. "As far as I can see the company is down the drain and that's it unless another company buys it, and that's a snowball's chance in hell. I have neither the furniture nor the money, but I suppose that's life. But it's not the sort of thing you expect from a big firm like this." Most people had paid deposits,

some the full price. The best they were offered when they turned up at the store in Edmonton, was an insurance claim form.

England and Wales will

have a dry, sunny day

AROUND BRITAIN

Impatient Bonn urges October reunification

From GIRARD STEICHEN IN BONN

THE West German government, increasingly worried over East Germany's economic and political decline, said yesterday that reunification should come in early October.

MARC ASPLAND

In East Berlin, an aide to Lother de Maizière, the prime minister, suggested that the unity vote by the East German parliament be held on October 6, one day before the 41st anniversary of East Germany's founding.

Although the government of Helmut Kohl was careful not to appear to be dictating a unification date to East Germany's parliament, the message for quick action was clear. Officials in Bonn are growing impatient over the protracted and fractious debate in East Berlin on the timetable. East Germans, faced with growing economic chaos and uncertainty, are also furious ever the political spectacle in East Berlin.

Matthias Gehler, the East German government spokesman, said Herr Kohl had spoken to Herr de Maizière by telephone yesterday morning. Soon afterwards Gunther Krause, an adviser to Herr de Maizière, proposed October 6 for the vote to leaders of the parties represented in the Volkskammer. East Germany's parliament. Herr de Maizière, leader of the Christian Democrats (CDU), has insisted that unity occur on October 14 in tandem with elections to create the five states that will join West Germany.

A compromise on that date with party leaders in the Volkskammer lasted only a few hours on Tuesday before being rejected by the Social Democrats (SPD), who want the two Germanies to unite on September 15. The SPD wants unity to follow the conclusion of "two plus four" talks with the Allied powers in September.

Herr Kohl insists that reunification can only come after the foreign ministers of the Con-

ference on Security and Co. operation in Europe are officially informed of the results of those talks on October 1 and 2 in New York.

"We welcome any accession date after October 2", said Hans Klein, the chancellor's spokes. man. "But it is imperative that it not occur until after this meeting in New York." Herr Klein said an earlier merger would "damage our

foreign policy credibility." He denied reports that Herr Kohl wanted the merger on October 6 to avoid another anniversary of the state that Soviet and German communists founded in 1949. "No one's going to celebrate it anyway". Herr Klein said.

Herr Kohl's government says it is up to East Germany to set the timetable. Article 23 of the West German constitution allows former states of pre-war Germany to iom the Federal Republic by

Political bickering has clouded the Volkskammer's work since the economic merger with West Germany took place on July 1, The SPD walked out on Herr de-Maizière's coalition government last weekend over the dismissal of two of its ministers.

Mud-slinging continues as each side tries to blame the other for the economic colianse, directionless government and the lack of civil authority. The mood in the corous and volatile. Several factions have threatened to call for an emergency vote to simply merge with West German immediately.

The Volkskammer last night passed an election law clearing the way for all-German elections on December 2. The measure failed to pass earlier this month because not enough deputies were present in the chamber for a two-thirds majority vote.

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26 hurt in rail crash

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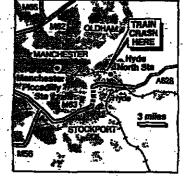
22 a derailment injured 19 passengers 200 yards from Glasgow

Mr Prescott said these incidents formed part of a frightening sequence of safety failures, which included last year's fatal crashes at Purley, south London, and Bellgrove, Glasgow, and the 1988 Clapham disaster, in which 35 people died.

Ronnie Fearn, the Liberal Democrats' transport spokesman, said: "This highlights a worrying trend in the number of accidents in British Rail. "There must be a full inquiry to

ensure people can travel safely. Systems of signalling and human direction need to be tightened up to eliminate any future disasters. Rosehill, Marple, Greater Manchester, was on the Roschill-

to-Piccadilly train, and suffered a

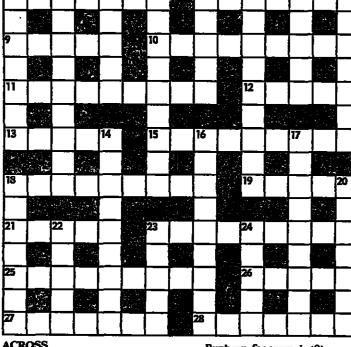


nose injury in the crash. "I was flung into the glass shield in front of me." she said.

whether both trains were moving at the time of the collision.

The Labour MP Tom Pendry, Frances Stephens, aged 62, of in whose Stalybridge and Hyde constituency the accident took place, called for the scrapping of all "single lead" lines.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,380



ACROSS

how ghastly (5).

1 Confined in twin cots (7). 5 There's only one name for awful meanness in a host (2,5). 9 Authorised to be executed

10 Pitch a team have to give up using (4.5). 11 Superstitious advice to a fire-

lighter (9). 12 Island creature (5). 13 Refusals about new office (5). 15 Electronic device - not a stan-

dard lamp, if that's right (9). 18 Country where one does not expect developments (5,4). 19 Echo somehow captures opening

of Pleistocene age (5). 21 Scratch back of neck right away

23 The dairymaid's prize flower?

25 Got coin in exchange from

Solution to Puzzle No 18,379

INSECT BLACKOUT TAKEWING BEWARE

Bunbury, for example (9). 26 Man-made fibre in name only perhaps (5).

27 Put on jury to measure penal reform (7). 28 Send out again for the old copy **(7)**.

DOWN

1 Charles X's discipline (7). Hold on, appearing to sway (9). 3 Sounds like the night Toby let

this out (5). 4 This title-holder is unlikely to be in practice (9).

5 Gave a sedative internally and relieved pain (5). 6 What time is the average intervai? (9).

7 Drink, the support of the weaker members (5). 8 He puts up the scaffold for eastem holy man (7),

14 Coit? (3,2,1,3). 16 Rather small, say, for a biscuit (5,4). 17 With two sides equal, is very large island to be abandoned?

18 Boastful talk to excite a producer of hot air (3,4).

title change to be expected at total matches? (7). 22 Bare head and take top off (5). Toves' companion, I note, lost a

fish (5). 24 To an audience, Anouilh may signify mental weariness (5),

Coucise Crossword, page 11

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

TOMBOLO a. A male lottery b. Palm wine C. A sand bar **EMBLEMENTS** a. Armorial bearings
 b. Cultivated crops c. Sides of an entablature MUNTIN a. An Irish hill . Dregs in brev C. Vertical of a door panel

THRAVE .

a. A cattle manger

c. Two stooks of corn Answers on page 16

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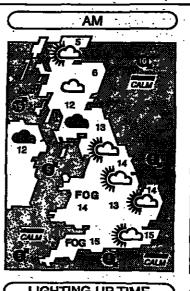
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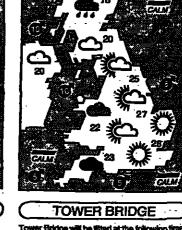
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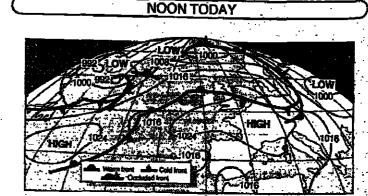
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John Bell

BUSINESS

BICC is still keen to build rail link

BICC has no interest in a minority stake in PowerGen, the electricity generating com-pany being privatised, but is still keen to build the fast rail link from London to the Channel tunnel, despite an apparent lack of interest from the government, Robin Biggam, the chief executive,

The construction-to-cables group was announcing pre-tax profits ahead from £93 million to £100 million in the six months to end-June, and an interim dividend increased from 5.75p to 6p, in line with the dividend forecast made at the time of the convertible rights issue last month.

The group saw a slowdown in its British housebuilding and property activities and in Australasia, but cables in Britain and North America performed well while the British contracting and engineer-ing businesses had order books 6 per cent higher than a

BICC has been helped by the privatisation of the power industry, with volumes from that side of the business up 10 per cent year-on-year as Treasury spending controls are relaxed, and has been mentioned as a possible shareholder in any management buyout of PowerGen. But Mr Biggam said the company had no interest in a minority stake that did not bring with it any management control.

It was still keen to build the fast Channel tunnel rail link, through its Eurorail joint venture with Trafalgar House. Tempus, page 21

Rentokil ahead

Rentokil, the pest control and tropical plant group, con-tinues to fulfil its promise of achieving 20 per cent growth. with pre-tax profits for the six months ended June of £34.5 million against £28 million on turnover of £149.1 million (£133.3 million). Further growth is expected in the second half, the board says. The interim dividend rises from 0.865p to 1.06p.

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Major indices and major changes Page 22

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THURSDAY AUGUST 23 1990 Soaring fuel costs raise concern over Dan-Air

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

CONCERN was growing last night over Dan-Air, the troubled charter airline, after the recent rises in fuel prices and the sharp decline in

charter holiday bookings.
The share price of Davies & Newman, the parent company, was static at 355p compared with 575p in June when it was hoped a takeover could be arranged.

Dan-Air, Britain's second largest charter airline with 51 aircraft, has been hadly affected by rising fuel airline, the creation of which is

package holidays. This was compounded this week by the decision of Airtours, Britain's fourth biggest tour operator to form its own

Dan-Air had the equivalent of five aircraft committed to Airtours to operate out of Stansted, Manchester, and Birmingham, but now seems likely to lose this important customer. Airtours could still use two Dan-Air jets next summer despite its new

at Dan-Air.

Already it has announced plans to dispose of five jets including an Airbus A300 and is expected to cut its fleet by another four aircraft over the next few weeks. At the same time, the company is closing its main London office and transferring 150 staff who work there to Horley, Surrey, to consolidate its operations close to Gatwick

airport. Dan-Air does not have its own tour operator on whom it can rely

Underlying trends in Brit-

favourable. The volume of

exports in the past three

the previous three months and

the same basis rose I per cent

on three months earlier and 2

Gordon Brown, the shadow

trade secretary, said: "The

higher-than-expected deficit at

£1.4 billion - and a huge

£10.25 billion for the year so

far - combined with the grim

OECD forecasts, means that

interest rates will remain high

for industry and homeowners

for many months to come,

and shows a British economy

near the bottom of the Euro-

pean league for trade as well as

The Pink Book shows last

year's current account deficit

financed by identified net cap-

balancing item, representing errors and omissions in the

doubt on the quality of the

Trends in invisible trade in-

figures", says the CSO.

interest rates, inflation,

growth and investment.

per cent on a year earlier.

craft while its rivals - such as Britannia and Air Europe can rely on Thomson and ILG to fill seats. This means Dan-Air has to fight for business where it can find it, in a market which looks as if it is heading towards recession. Although increased fuel costs in

charter operations - which have already added about £1 per passenger for every hour a jet is in the air - can be passed on to the tour operator, scheduled services have either to bear the brunt or increase

demand for seats.

Again Dan-Air has been more severely affected by the fuel price rise than other airlines because of the poor fuel efficiency of many of its older aircraft. The airline has 12 Boeing 727 and 17 BAC 1-11s in its fleet, all of which are extremely heavy on fuel compared with the quiet, fuel-efficient modern jets flown by many of its rivals.

The airline owns many of the older aircraft, which now have a low residual value, but has leased the more valuable newer jets in its fleet, such as the three Boeing 737-400s and four BAe 146s.

Fred Newman, chairman of Davies & Newman, is recognised as one of the shrewdest men in the business and, despite the problems, the company remains confident the proposed cut-backs and reorganisation will see it through.

Mr Newman, together with his three most senior executives, yesterday went to the Civil Aviation Authority to meet officials. It was, they said, "a routine meeting".

Trade deficit in surprise leap to £1.4bn

By RODNEY LORD, ECONOMICS EDITOR

BRITAIN'S trade gap. widened last month against expectations, boosting the current account deficit from £1.26 billion to £1.39 billion. Analysts said the Treasury's forecast of a £15 billion deficit for the year was now unlikely.

The figures were published against a background of fasterthan-expected growth of 2½ per cent in the second quarter. Although the increase occurred mainly in the energy sector, manufacturing was also buoyant, raising doubts about the economic slowdown.

Detailed figures for the balance of payments in 1989 were also published yesterday in the Central Statistical Office's annual Pink Book, An upward revision from £4.05 billion to £4.71 billion in the estimated surplus on invisibles last year was offset by higher imports, leaving the current account deficit for 1989 little changed at £19.1 billion. The trade data were poorly April-July period.

terday, after Tuesday's 50point losses on both sides of the Atlantic. By midday the FT-SE 100 index was up 18 points, with brokers reporting

But as Wall Street opened flat and moved lower, London's rally faded. London spent the afternoon tracking

received by the City though they had little effect on foreign ain's trade stayed relatively exchange or stock markets, which were more worried about the confrontation in the months, excluding oil and er-Gulf Sterling closed up 0.1 on ratic items, rose 2 per cent on its trade-weighted index at 95.9, up 65 points against the 9½ per cent on the same dollar at \$1.9275 and 34 period last time. Imports on points higher at DM2.9934.

Stephen Hannah of County NatWest said: "If one takes into account that the figures were helped by a favourable revision to the invisibles and an improvement in the terms of trade, they are not very encouraging. The combination of a high exchange rate and high wage growth is just not on: something has to give."

Exports last month fell by 31/2 per cent to £8.28 billion and imports were 2 per cent lower at £9.97 billion, leaving a trade deficit of £1.69 billion. In the light of the Pink Book figures, the estimated surplus on invisibles has been revised upwards from £200 million a month to £300 million in the ital inflows of £4 billion and a

Rally runs out of steam figures, of £15.13 billion. The size of the balancing item in

By MATTHEW BOND

LONDON shares made a brave attempt at a rally yessigns of bargain hunting.

Wall Street, closing 3.3 lower at 2,104.8. Although American dealers remain very nervous about events in the Middle East, there is growing concern about the American

clude a rise in the surplus on services from £4.5 billion in 1988 to £4.7 billion last year, a economy and the impact of a fall in the surplus on interest, recession on American shares. profits and dividends from £5 Gold closed \$3.50 lower at billion to £4.6 billion and a \$410.50 an ounce in London. wider deficit on transfers of Silver moved in sympathy, £4.6 billion against £3.5 bilclosing 4p down at 267.25p. lion. Within services, sea Stock markets, page 22 transport had a small surplus for the first time since 1980.

Marley on the floor



PRE-TAX profits at Marley, the roof tiles, bricks and blocks group, have plunged from £34.3 million to £16 million in the first six months of the year. The decline reflects the slump in building activity, the group said. 2.1p a share.

George Russell (above), the company chairman, said he saw no improvement in trading conditions before the end of the year. However he declared an unchanged interim dividend of

Electrolux sheds 15,000 jobs

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU **EUROPEAN BUSINESS** CORRESPONDENT

ELECTROLUX, the Swedish group and the world's largest manufacturer of household goods, is to shed 15,000 jobs worldwide, as part of a

restructuring programme. The company, which has made about 100 acquisitions during the 1980s, including laly's Zanussi and West Germany's Zanker, both white goods manufacturers. has been hit by a downturn in profits by its industrial products unit, which last year accounted for some 20 per

cent of total sales. Granges, its largest interest in the sector, which specialises in the distribution of aluminium products, is be-lieved to be badly affected, due to higher aluminium prices and reduced demand.

The company did not spec-ify details of the restructuring programme, other than its cost, estimated to be between Kr500 million and Kr700

This year, about 8,000 employees, out of a total workforce of 153,000, will lose their jobs. The jobs are not likely to hit operations in Britain, which include its Tricity and Bendix white

goods operations, and Flymo. The company reported disappointing profits for the first half this year. Profits after financial items were down from Kr1.99 billion to Kr1.01 billion (£92 million). Turnover also fell, from Kr44.39 billion to Kr43.64 billion.

examine recent trading records to see if

anyone was selling Erskine shares short. The hoax is the latest blow to Erskine's

shares price, which has slid from 220p at

the start of the year. In March, the comp-

any gave a profits warning, and in June it

announced flat annual pre-tax profits of

£15.6 million, which knocked £1 from

the price. Discovery of the fraud allowed

the shares to gain 12p to 66p yesterday, before they slid back to 60p. They are

still trading on a prospective p/e ratio of

three on Hoare Govett's profits forecast

"Anything in this price range is ridic-lous," said Mr McGillivray, who

bought 100,000 shares last April at al-most double the current value. "That

one item yesterday is just a part of a thor-

oughly unsatisfactory situation. You are

just looking at very low trading

of £17 million for the year to March.

Salih considers taking Steak Houses private

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ALI Salih, the chairman and Houses and has indicated that managing director of Aber- any offer will be pitched close

vehicle, which went into liquidation in 1975.

deen Steak Houses, the res- to the 67p at which the taurant chain, is considering company was floated on the going private after five years USM in 1985.

on the USM.

Steak Houses has been built at 48p immediately before the up from London Eating announcement. After soaring Houses, Mr Salih's previous to 60p, they fell again to close at 51p, up just 3p on the day.

Restated pre-tax profits fell Mr Salih already owns 78 86 per cent to £166,000. There per cent of Aberdeen Steak is no final dividend.

Oil prices climb to highest in five years

By MARTIN BARROW

OIL prices continued their relentless climb yesterday after President Bush authorised the call-up of up to 40,000 reservists to support American forces in Saudi Arabia.

In London, October Brent surged 60 cents to \$28.27, while in New York crude oil futures rose to a five-year high of \$30 after Saudi Arabia halted exports of some petroleum products to Japan.

Trading remained volatile despite moves by Opec to arrange an informal meeting of selected members in Vienna this weekend. Such a meeting could pave the way for a full emergency session attended by Saudi Arabia, which has threatened to increase oil production unilaterally if the cartel fails to reach an agreement.

Meanwhile, the Saudi Refining and Marketing Company (Samarec) notified Japanese customers that it could not supply any gas oil, jet or dual-purpose kerosene for

Products destined for Japan will now be used by military forces in the Middle East. The United States has tendered for another 4.6 million barrels of jet fuel for its airforce.

British oil production fell sharply in July as a result of

maintenance shutdowns in the North Sea, according to the Royal Bank of Scotland's monthly oil index. Output fell from 1.93 mil-

lion barrels a day in June to 1.72 million bdp last month, a decline of 11 per cent, to the lowest level since June 1989. However, Britain remained self-sufficient in oil, with production levels about 200,000 barrels above

consumption. The oilfield most affected by maintenance work was Shell's Brent complex, with three out of four platforms out

Queensway 'to pay out on £15m insurance'

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

LOWNDES Queensway customers who paid deposits for furniture and carpets before the company went into liquidation a week ago are expected to claim on Lowndes' £15 million insurance policy.

But none of the estimated 45,000 customers is likely to receive any money for at least two months. Jonathan Phillips, a partner accountant which has been

appointed to administer the insurance policy, said he aimed to pay out on the policy He said it was too early to say whether all the claims would be met in full. How-ever, he added that he would be disappointed if customers received less than 50 per cent of their money back and said

he was still optimistic that they would receive 100 per Assuming the figure of

By Neil Bennett

ERSKINE House, the office equipment

supplier, has demanded an international

stock exchange enquiry after fraudulent

calls to market-makers in the City caused

a collapse in its share price. Share dealers at Security Pacific Hoare

Govett, the securities house and Er-

skine's broker, were called on Tuesday

by someone who claimed to be an

Erskine director in the South of France.

He asked if he could sell 200,000 shares

and said that Brian McGillivray, the

company chairman, was also planning to sell part of his holding. The hoaxer also

called Smith New Court, one of the other

The caller, bowever, refused to leave a

name, and the market-makers became

suspicious when they learnt that none of

the Erskine directors, apart from the

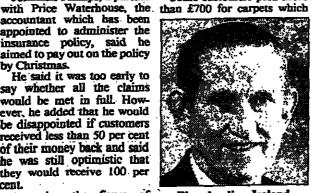
chairman, owned so many shares. Houre

three market-makers in Erskine shares.



ship, many customers were asked to pay the full amount for their goods.

Some customers paid more



Placed policy: Ireland

recovered to 54p.

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Erskine seeks enquiry on hoax

department were asked to investigate,

but before they had proved the story was

false, the shares had plummeted from

64p to 45p on speculation that Mr

McGillivray was seiling shares. They

to the stock exchange. "The company has requested the stock exchange to

investigate recent dealings in its shares

which it believes have been driven

largely by the circulation of false

rumours. Neither Mr McGillivray, or any other director, has sold any shares in

the company nor has any present

The stock exchange would not com-ment on whether it would launch an

enquiry, but it normally does after any

unusual share price move. Its investiga-

tors are expected to ask Hoare Govert for

its dealing room tapes, since all calls to

Erskine yesterday issued a statement

45,000 claimants is correct, they have yet to receive. the average payout under the Lowndes is believed to have fund would be £333 before the had sales of £5 million to £6 expenses of processing the million a week, before the

The insurance policy was director who was the Lowndes chairman before receivership.

Mr Phillips said the total level of claims would not be known for several weeks. Some customers may yet receive their goods and those who paid by credit card may want to claim through their credit card company. This would cut the level of claims. About 30 per cent of Lowndes sales were by credit card.

• In a separate development.

the H Plan group, which makes and fits bedroom and kitchen furniture went into receivership with debts of £5 million yesterday. Half of the 200 employees have been made redundant

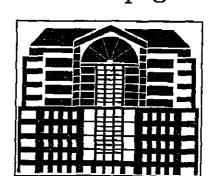
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Tensions force cuts in US car output

From John Durie IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN car companies are cutting production plans in the third quarter by at least 53,000 vehicles because of uncertainty over events in the

Vehicle sales in America are down 6 per cent on last year and inventory levels are at their lowest since September

All ten manufacturers in America, including the Japanese companies, had planned a 9 per cent increase in thirdquarter production, to build 1.5 million cars. This increase represents a cut from the planned increase of 11.6 per

The cutback decision is based on concern that consumer confidence in America is falling because of the Gulf

tensions. Ford Motor Company this week temporarily closed two assembly plants and extended the shutdown of another plant for a total of two weeks. Ford is expected to reduce thirdquarter production by more than 20,000 to 354,200 cars

General Motors has reduced its third-quarter production by 3,800 cars and 16,000 trucks.

Chrysler has trimmed its production of cars and trucks by 3,000 vehicles to 271,000. While most Japanese car makers are planning production increases, Nissan Motor Corp is expected to drop its third-quarter output by 54 per cent to 12,600 vehicles. This is mainly due to re-tooling for its new vehicle line.

Motor industry analysts think these latest cuts will not be the last, particularly if the Middle East tension continues.

The impact of the Gulf on the American economy has primarily been seen in the financial markets but the car industry cuts represent the first concrete sign of economic effects.

As a rule of thumb, steel industry analysts consider that for every \$1 increase in the price of oil there is a 0.5 per cent decrease in consumption. The Gulf tension has co-

incided with a slowdown in the American economy, as evidenced by the 1.2 per cent growth in the first half of this The consensus forecast on

Wall Street is for growth of less than I per cent for the second half of the year. The American housing industry is already operating at

Victaulic warns of oil price effect on raw material costs

VICTAULIC, the pipe and pipe fittings employee buyout, has reported interim pre-tax profits 28 per cent ahead at £5.5 million. But the company has sounded a note of caution about the possible effect on raw material costs of a sustained increase in oil prices.

The company, which was bought out from British Steel in 1983, reported a 20 per cent increase in sales to £47 million for the half year to end-June, of which organic growth contributed 13 per cent.

David Winch, the chairman, said he was encouraged by the present level of demand. However, he added he was "mindful" of the possible effects on the polyethylene pipe business "of any substantial increase in material costs which may result from increases in the price of crude oil in connection with current vents in the Middle East".

Mr Winch said: "Market conditions have favoured all our main businesses, with panies, in this first half being particularly strong." Increased water company demand for products supplied by Victaulic's Viking Johnson subsidiary had required changes to shift working arrangements to

increase capacity, he added. Victaulic Systems had in-

control of Canada Packers,

Canada's biggest meat pro-

cessing company, in June, has

reduced that company's head

will lose their jobs this month

and 70 are being transferred to

staff will remain to work in a

corporate centre, which has

Canada Packers said that

the cuts are needed because it

The company has been restructured into four operat-

ing divisions, each run by a

The divisions are respon-

sible for fresh meats; pro-

cessed meats and grocery

yet to be chosen.

vice-president.

is being decentralised.

office staff from 225 to 25.



Price watchers: Victaulic directors Ian McColl (left) and David Stewart yesterday

fire protection and mechanidemand from the water com- cal services sectors of the construction market. Mr

Stewarts & Lloyds Plastics had achieved record sales volumes through strong demand for its polyethylene pipe creased its penetration in the and fittings from both the

head office to the divisions,

David Newton, Canada

Packers' president and chief

executive, said: "It's not a case

well or not, or of lopping off

heads or cutting costs. It's

simply a case that we operate

"We want to shorten lines

of communication and make

managers more involved. We

want to get the decision-

makers closer to the action -

we want them back 'living

The restructuring has also

Canada Packers' profit fell

from Can\$9.6 million (£4.39

been designed to improve

profits, Mr Newton said.

the company said.

management.

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Canadian staff

From a Correspondent

HILLSDOWN Holdings, the products. The changes will

food conglomerate that took transfer decison-making from

About 130 employees at of whether the Canada Pack-

Canada Packers' head office ers people are doing their job

the company's operating div-isions. Only 25 accounting in a different way from the old

industries. launch of Excel, the high

market-place," said Mr

Victaulic's two main acquisitions during the period, Wask-RMF and Tipper Fit-

water and gas supply tings, purchased for a total of dustries. £9.3 million, were both The first half also saw the performing well, Mr Winch said. The company planned to performance polyethylene extend the range of products pipe system, which "has been offered by the acquired busioffered by the acquired busifavourably received in the nesses into new areas of the gas and water fittings market, concentrating particularly on the European market.

per cent up at 4p (3.25p).

Hillsdown cuts | US junk defaults at 19-year high

From John Durie in New York

faults reached a 19-year high before the full effects of the Kuwait invasion were felt in

Moody's Investors Service said that \$8.4 billion in junk bonds defaulted up to the end of July, compared with \$9.4 billion for the whole of last

This amounts to a 5.8 per cent default rate, which has only been surpassed by the 1970 collapse of Penn Central Station in New York. That triggered defaults of 10.9 per cent of American corporate

erated Department Stores (\$2 billion), the group owned by Campeau Corp, the retailer Southland Corp (\$967 mil- cent this year. He added that lion) and Western Union Corp consumer spending would be (\$523 million). John Lonski, a Moody's cent.

AMERICAN junk bond de- economist, said the probable American recession would affect the market further, but the direct effects of the Kuwait invasion would affect different companies in different

> The big losers in the junk bond market since the Kuwait invasion have been casinos (down 7.8 per cent), building materials (down 7.1 per cent), paper (down 5.8 per cent), chemicals (down 4.6 per cent) and retail companies (down 3.6 per cent).

The junk bond issues that have done best include food and beverages and utilities, The biggest defaults this the only sectors to record a year include those of Fed-positive return this month. Mr Lonski said real dis-

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posable income would not increase by more than 1.2 per lucky to rise more than I per

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Chargeurs | in cinema sale talks

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN LOS ANGELES

GIANCARLO Parretti, the Italian financier, is in talks with Chargeurs, the French group, about selling it more than 406 British Cannon cine-

Signor Parretti's Los Angeles-based Pathé Communications sold its interests in Pathé Cinema, the French film group, to Chargeurs last month in a deal valued at \$200 million. Barry Jenkins, managing director of Pathe (UK), has

confirmed that preliminary discussions have taken place concerning the British cinemas, 66 screens in the Netherlands, and 56 in Denmark and Finland. The British cinemas were

once part of the Cannon film company, which Signor Parretti rescued just over two years ago. No price has been put on the potential deal. Signor Parretti needs more

money to finance his \$1.3 billion merger with MGM/Unit-ed Artists, the Hollywood studio, which is more than twice the size of Pathé. A Pathé spokesman said yesterday that the company was still "actively looking for financing".

Signor Parretti paid MGM a further \$50 million nonreturnable deposit yesterday, bringing the total paid since he launched his first bid five months ago to \$303 million. Under the merger terms, he will get none of it back if the deal falls through.

A further \$50 million must

be paid next month and the merger closed by October 23.

Norsk Data returns to profitability

NORSK Data, the Norwegian mini-computer manufacturer which is emerging from a period of restructuring, made profits of Kr3 million £258,620) for the six months to end-June, against losses of Kr244 million for the first half of 1989.

The modest surplus was achieved on turnover up 10 per cent to Kr1.22 billion and an 8 per cent reduction in operating costs to Krl.21 billion, resulting in operating profits of Kr10 million, against a deficit of Kr214 million last year. A net interest charge of

Kr15 million compared with last year's credit of Kr3 million, but currency gains totalled Kr17 million, against losses of Kr31 million.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

and Pathé | Revenue rises 11.2% for Scottish Hydro SCOTTISH Hydro-Electric, one of the two electricity com-

panies to be privatised next summer, and the successor to the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, made pre-tax profits of £50.1 million in the year to end-March after interest of £58.6 million

The company says no meaningful companison can be given because of the restructuring. But there was a 4.1 per cent rise in electricity volumes sold in the company's home area in the north of Scotland, or 3.7 per cent on a weather-corrected basis, and an 11.2 per cent rise in revenue. Sales from the company's chain of shops rose by 16 per cent. Since March 31, Scottish Hydro has been able to boost its business south of the border, taking on a number of big industrial customers.

Mayne profit almost static

MAYNE Nickless, the international transport group that owns Security Express, of Britain, has announced an increase of less than 1 per cent in pre-tax profits to Aus\$185.3 million (£78.7 million) for the year ended July 1. Turnover rose 13.9 per cent to Aus\$2.69 billion. The company said it had been affected by industrial disputes. A final dividend of 20 cents makes a total of 40 cents for the year.

'September' pubs decision THE government is likely to

take some weeks to reach a decision on whether to allow Grand Metropolitan's pubsfor-breweries swap with Elders IXI, the Australian brewing firm. GrandMet said it was not expecting a decision from the trade department until mid or late September. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission has reported on the deal announced by the two companies in March.

Buses buyout closer WORKERS at the Eastern Scottish bus company have been

given the go ahead for a management-staff buyout under the Government's privatisation programme. News that the busmen had been given "preferred status" for their bid was delivered by Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, the Scottish Office minister, on a visit to the company's headquarters in Edinburgh yesterday.

Eastern Scottish, which also has depots in Bathgate

Dalkeith, Musselburgh and Livingston, Lothian, employs 1,100 staff and last year made an operational profit of about £1 million. The purchase price will not be revealed until all sections of the Scottish Bus Group have been sold.

Fife Indmar ahead 73% FIFE Indmar, the Edin-

burgh-based engineer and ironmonger, reported in-terim profits 73 per cent higher at £822,000 for the six months to the end of June, on turnover 53 per cent ahead at £15.84 million. Earnings rose 26 per cent to 5.34p a share despite a 37 per cent increase in the number of shares in issue. The interim dividend is increased from 0.75p a share to

Renfrew sells Reuters stock

GLEN Renfrew, the manage ing director and chief executive of Reuters Holdings. sold 210,000 ordinary shares in the company on Tuesday, Reuters said. Mr Renfrew said he made the sale to meet loan repayments and settle tax liabilities. His remaining holding is 849,378 shares. Reuters shares, which have fallen recently over concern about the company's Dealing 2000-2 system, closed up 30p at 789p yesterday.

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Saab-GM finance deal

SAAB-Scania, the Swedish car and aircraft manufacturer, and General Motors have signed a memorandum of understanding to set up a joint finance company for customers of a new regional aircraft.

GM bought 50 per cent of Saab's loss-making car operations in December for \$600 million. Saab and GM began to co-operate on the Saab 2000 regional airliner in June last year and were planning to work together on missile systems. Under the new agreement, Saab will have an 80 per cent stake in the finance company, and GM 20 per cent. Saab will be responsible for the management of the company.

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COMMODITIES

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Share prices have crumbled in response to tensions in the Gulf. They have fallen so fast that virtually any serious offer is likely to be treated as a better bet than a flotation, even though the government's most canny City advisers can have little idea what the international stock market time, when PowerGen was originally scheduled to be sold to the public alongside National

The Gulf crisis has also thrown energy prices into confusion. By definition, no clear analysis is possible of the relation between oil, gas and international coal

Clouds gather over PowerGen

prices until it is known whether the effects are short term or long term. Tactically, the generators are at present in a strong position because of their reliance on British coal. Their strategies of level no doubt prudently dis- gas, partly to spread risk, should switching to imported coal and counted, against a fast-changing sensibly be shelved for the moment. For Hanson, there must be

additional doubts over whether European rules would permit him to engage freely in trading arrangements between PowerGen and Peabody, its North American coal producer. Since the government is trying to encourage competition in climate will be like in six months sourcing as much as any other part of the industry's operations, there must be doubts in the energy department too.

Some other industrial groups interested in PowerGen, not just the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, also have strong

COMMENT

has to think carefully before about 2½ per cent year on year. including them in a management while the latest trade figures show

There seems little reason to insist as John Wakeham, the energy secretary, apparently does, that the PowerGen sale should be fixed up in good time before the scheduled sale of the distribution companies in November. Indeed, the more important priority may soon be whether, in the interests of taxpayers, that ought to go ahead unless markets swiftly recover.

Still growing

quick reading of yesterday's economic data suggests a ▲ depressingly familiar picture. Economic growth in the commercial incentives for a link second quarter has turned out The volume of exports excluding with PowerGen. Management rather stronger than expected at oil and erratic items in the 3

a bigger deficit than the City pundits were forecasting.

The hope must be that we are looking at history rather than contemporary events. Indications so far during the third quarter suggest that the economy really is beginning to slow down and probably quite rapidly. Recent figures for retail sales. new car registrations and the money supply, as well as business opinion all point to slackening demand.

This may take a month or two to be reflected in the balance of payments, but in due course import growth should slow

Underlying trends are still pointing in the right direction.

months to July was 91/2 per cent higher than a year earlier, compared with import growth on the same basis of only 2 per cent. For manufacturers, the comparison is even more flattering at 11 per cent against 11/2 per cent.

The question is whether exports can keep up the sort of growth they have been showing earlier this year. On that score, the latest figures are not particularly reassuring. The volume of exports in July taken on its own has fallen quite sharply, raising the fear that higher sterling is gradually beginning to take its toll on exporters, many of whom are already facing sharply rising pay bills.

Phoney War

The uneasy truce between Britain's leading textile groups, Tootal and Coats Viyella, looks to be entering its final days. The two, who not so

long ago had grand plans for a merger, have fallen out of love with the idea. And Tootal is bracing itself for a fresh move by Coats, which still retains its 29.9 per cent shareholding, bought from the Australian Abe

Yesterday's news that Cha Chi-Ming, a Hong Kong businessman who has traded with Tootal, has increased his shareholding to 4.4 per cent is not easy to read. It may be that he is helping to boost Tootal's defences against a new bid, or that he senses a profit either way. The Tootal camp feels that Coats' shrewd chairman David Alliance, is awaiting interim figures early in October before launching a bid. In view of the troubled state of the textiles market and the sharp recent movements in sterling, Mr Alliance would be wise to see the whites of Tootal's eyes first. But the key point for shareholders is that Tootal is ready for a fight. The board now feels that it has a clear strategy for success as an independent company based on streamlined, highly efficient operations and sourcing its needs from low cost, overseas suppliers.

TOKYO'S stock market is an arena for superlatives. It is the largest in the world, has the most expensive shares, sport-ing the lowest dividend yields, and until this year enjoyed the most sustained bull market. Now it is breaking records again - on the way down.

The collapse in Japanese share prices since the start of the year defies imagination. The Nikkei average has lost more than 35 per cent of its value since its high on December 29 last year. Half that decline has occurred since the invasion of Kuwait.

The fall looks likely to continue. Before yesterday, when the index hit 25,211 in its ninth largest fall ever, analysts and brokers had hoped for -support around 26,000.

Now that has been breached, observers see little chance of halting the decline, notwithstanding brief rallies, until the index hits 21,500, the low seen in the 1987 crash. The market could accomplish such a fail with ease if the situation in the Gulf worsens.

The trigger for the latest fall may have been the Kuwait invasion and the rise in oil prices. But even though Japan imports all its oil, economists agree the inflationary impact of the rise will be slight.

But what started the slide at the turn of the year was the rise in Japanese interest rates. In December, the Nikkei rose 3,000 to almost 39,000 on illfounded hopes of a decline in world rates. Since then, however, the official discount rate has risen from 3.75 to 5.25 per deposit are yielding 8 per cent, discounting a further official rate increase of as much as I per cent.

The interest rate rise and the fall in bond prices has affected the bond futures mar-

equity futures. If London or New York were hit as hard, there would be safety nets under every window and brokers would be wearing bullet-proof vests as a protection against upset clidisturbed. The ministry of finance says it is not worried about the fall in prices.

Tokyo share price tremors rattle world of banking



Sign of the times: a trader trying to sell yesterday

ket since the Kuwait invasion. year. Volumes here average Equity turnover is about Y300 Y1,800 billion, six times the billion (£1.04 billion) a day, underlying equity business. Y200 billion lower than nor- While share portfolios are mal. The large institutional dwindling in value, many shareholders are sitting tight, investors are limiting the ents. But in Tokyo, few are and a trade of 10,000 to 15,000 damage by hedging in futures.

can push down a share price. driven by the futures market of windows when the market There has been remarkably in Tokyo and Osaka, which has fallen," said Yoshiharo

ket, in turn feeding through to little activity on the stock mar- has been operating for only a

"In the past, there have al-The index is instead being ways been people jumping out

Hashimoto, an analyst at Daiwa Europe. "Or the fall has been caused by some great scandal. But not this time."

Yesterday, the Japanese securities houses felt confident enough to launch five Eurobond issues with attached equity warrants worth a total \$1 billion, including ones for Kobe Steel and Kawasaki Heavy. This contrasts with their decision to impose a moratorium on new issues in March, after the market fall at the start of the year, which was only lifted in July.

Despite the optimism, Jap-an cannot play down the long-term effects of the share fall, particularly among the banks. Until this year, Japan's big commercial banks, including Dai-Ichi Kangyo, the world's largest, have been able to support aggressive loan-book expansion with regular equity issues and the backing of their huge share portfolios. Now that growth is under threat.

Under Bank for International Settlements guidelines, banks' broad capital base must not be less than 8 per cent of risk-weighted assets. Capital can include 45 per cent of unrealised share

The share collapse hits the banks doubly. Not only does it erode their capital base, but it prevents them from issuing new equity at realistic prices to prop it up. Japanese insurance companies, the main holders of bank shares, have made clear they will sell old shares if they are forced to buy new ones, and the ministry of

any new issues until year-end. The effects will be felt around the world. The Japanese banks have been the pillar of project finance in the past five years. Without their funds, construction sites will stand idle and companies will have to curtail investment.

Eurotunnel, which depends on the Japanese banks for almost a quarter of its debt finance, has already revealed its debt-raising problems. It is unlikely to be the last casualty.

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Marley's back is to the wall

FOR some time now, Mar-ley's share price has owed a certain amount to takeover derable. Planning permission speculation. Today it owes rather more. Interim profits more than 50 per cent down at £16 million had been well flagged in advance, but they failed to convey the full extent of the damage wreaked by the slump in the building

In its determination to hang on to its commanding share of the market in materials such as blocks and roof tiles, Marley has seen its margins torn to shreds. Roofing profits have tumbled from £8.5 million to £4.9 million, while bricks and blocks activities have slumped from £11.9 million to £3.4 million.

Plumbing and flooring stood up better, making £8 million against £7.4 million, but the automotive operations were badly dented by the Ford

The grim truth is that until interest rates come down and restore some demand to the building sector, Marley's prospects look pretty bleak, as confirmed by another batch of closures and redundancies before the end of the year.

Gearing is nudging 50 per cent, and the board has been forced to cut its capital spending in the second half. Stripping out property profits, Marley may not do much tax for the full year, producing from last August's 558p peak, £34.5 million against £28 mil- chased, are a hold.

has been granted for the 22acre Riverhead site and the chances are that current discussions with potential buyers will have been resolved by the year-end, allowing the board to add perhaps £8 million of property profits to the final

Even 9p earnings hardly justifies a 106p share price, and Marley clearly is in play. Favoured bidder is MB Group, whose ex-Redland management may yet be unable to resist the temptation.

BICC

BICC took some stick over its £177 million rights issue of convertible capital bonds at the start of last month. Three weeks later 72 per cent of the bonds had been taken up, after the market complained that BICC was raising cash to bring its stake in its Spanish insulated cables maker GEGC to 75 per cent, well before the money was actually needed. Two weeks after that the timing looked entirely justified as the invasion of Kuwait effectively put paid to any such cash-raising ex-

ercises for now. BiCC's board has good reason to complain about the shares' progress. The rights building and property of 5.56p (4.49p) a share keep industries

were revealed with the interim its up by £7 million to £100 turnover advances of 10 per million, and the shares advanced 13p to 351p. At this level they are little changed on the group's product base retheir price of four years ago, effectively discounting extensive reorganisation since then.

Market sceptics had looked for half-way losses from both property and housebuilding, but both activities broke even, leaving the Balfour Beatty construction side £4 million lower at £13.1 million before interest. Cables in Europe and North America, however, advanced 37 and 42 per cent, respectively. The shares sell on little more than seven times earnings, assuming £220 year. Worries over the American economy and the con-struction cycle could halt immediate progress, but they look like a strong long-term

Rentokil Group

RENTOKIL long ago nailed its colours to the mast signifying that profits and net earnings would grow by at least 20 per cent a year, and it has not let down itself or its shareholders.

its reputation intact, with all BICC's defensive qualities geographical areas advancing. The pest control market in

> cent, and despite some strains in certain world economies, mains well founded. There was a £435,000 break on profits at the half-way stage

because of exchange rate movements. The currency negative could be as high as £3 million come year-end because currencies have weakened further since June 30. Rentokil's cash position remains very healthy. It was £23

million last year-end, and £25 million at the half-way mark and that was after spending £11 million on acquisitions and £12 million on capital million-plus pre-tax profit this expenditure. The dividend also remains well covered the payment is raised from 0.865p to 1.06p a share, and the cover rises from 5.19 to 5.25 times.

Year-end profits should hit £75 million (£62 million) and prospects for 1991 also look bright. The shares at 196p trade on 15.7 times likely 1990 earnings, and at a 50 per cent premium to the market.

As long as Rentokil keeps faith with its earnings and profits promise, then the rating will be justified. So the

WORLD MARKET INDICES

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•	Canada	448.7	-1.1	-25.3	-1.0	-12.4	-0.6	-10.7
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Change of role

- "just in time for the Test match" - to join Chartered WestLB as an assistant director in corporate finance. A fluent French speaker, Fraser-Sampson, aged 32, hopes to become involved in crossborder deals when he starts in October. And, apart from his waistcoats, his new colleagues are likely to be equally impressed by his tenacity. A qualified solicitor - he worked in private practice and then at a management consultancy before switching to corporate finance - he was one of 300 who started a fouryear MBA "learning course" at Warwick University, working in paid employment throughout and attending the university on only a few occasions each year. He was one of 14 to complete the course. Meanwhile, if the luli in corporate activity that has affected so many corporate finance teams were to afflict Chartered WestLB, Fraser-Sampson will at least be able to keep his restless workmates entertained. For he also once trained as an opera singer and has occasionally been known to burst into song. So enthusiastic is he about his musical hobby that he sold his distinc-

tive vellow Morgan sports car

so that he could buy a grand £30 million gas-fired power cables." So serious is the piano. "It plays well, but it's station in the Vale of Pickernot so good on cornering," he ing, North Yorkshire, are systems that Rentokil has

around to others.

Pop protest

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"Chap here wonders whether the economy is

GUY Fraser-Sampson, who is known as the Scarlet Pimpernel because of his penchant for brightly coloured waist-yesterday left she Swiss Japa-she Swiss Japa-s old head of Occidental Petro-leum was so affronted when NBC, one of the American television networks, decided against filming a mini-series about his life and times that he is now hawking the idea

PROTESTERS campaigning

against plans by an energy consortium - led by Kelt UK and including BP - to build a



holding a pop concert on Saturday to raise funds. The controversy over Kelt's plans, which would make full use of the natural gas known to be present in large quantities be-neath the vale, have become increasingly acrimonious. Last month, Ewan Cameron, Kelt UK's managing director, was furious when protesters walked out of a public meeting Ryedale Against Gas Exploitation (Rage) has accused the district council of holding "secret" talks with Kelt. "A gas-fired power sta-tion would have an appalling effect on the quality of life around here," says Matthew

the National Hunt jockey.

Mousetrap RATS in various forms have long been a problem in the City. But Clive Thompson, chief executive of Rentokil, the pest control group, tells me that this year's problem is more mice and wasps although not, for once, the have been invaded by Scandinavian "Median wasps", but mice are causing far more City have been afflicted, Rentokil admits that mice comforting thought. have been "eating into floppy computer discs" and can even bite through sensitive electric

cables." So serious is the systems that Rentokil has developed and patented a mouse alert burglar alarm triggered as soon as one of the unsuspecting critters attempts to enter a building.

Regina victor CITY workers who freely

admit to a waistline problem

after all those lengthy lunches

should spare a thought for a 26-stone American driver by the name of Regina Guy, who was made to take a fresh driving test because a police officer claimed that she was too fat to control a car. After stopping her for faulty lights in July, the officer wrote in his Dwyer, concert organiser and elder brother of Mark Dwyer, report: "Due to this person's obesity, she was unable to sit behind the wheel of the car." He claimed that she was sitting in the centre of the bench seat of an automatic, using her left hand and left foot to drive. Guy passed the subsequent test with flying colours but, striking a blow for fatism, complained: "Fat people are human. I shouldn't be discriminated against because of my size." Throwing their weight behind her cause White Anglo Saxon Protestant are members of the little-variety. The home counties known National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance. Among them was a Peggy Williams, who tips the scales of a problem. Too discreet to at 32 stone and insists that she reveal which buildings in the can slide into the driver's seat with room to spare. What a

Chartists hope to flush out bargain buyers once again

By MATTHEW BOND

WITH the American market eventually trimming Tuesday's fall to 52 points, London decided that its 48-point fall was overdone in the absence of any genuine reports of military action in the Gulf.

As a result, shares opened higher and by midday the FT-SE 100 index had risen by more than 18 points. However, as it became clear that Wall Street was going to open flat at best, London's rally ran

Buyers remained largely on the sidelines with only 333 million shares changing hands. By the close, the FT-SE 100 index stood 3.3 lower at 2,104.8. What bargain hunting there was appeared to be in the larger companies, with the FT-30 closing 9.9 points up at 1,625.6. At the longer end, gilts rose by close to threequarters of a point.

The chart shows that over the past year there has been clear support for FT-SE 100 stocks at 2,100. Twice in the past 12 months the market has fallen to that level, only to rise again quickly. Could it happen a third time?

With the index sliding towards that level again, dealers reported some tentative signs of buying, despite the continuing uncertainties in the Mid-American market, buyers in

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London are likely to remain few and far between.

While they wait for that signal, domestic economic indicators, such as July's £1.39 billion trade deficit, are likely to be ignored.

Brent Walker was on the way down again, still reflecting disappointment that the company's 50 per cent stake in the Trocadero had not yet been sold. The shares, at one point, fell 9p to 193p, before recovering to 198p, 4p down on the day.

George Walker, the Brent Walker chairman, is still successfully making smaller disposals. He has just sold a 12-acre block from the group's

Shares in Tootal, the textile group, rose 2p to 75p, following the annoucement that Cha Chi-ming was the per cent stake. Mr Cha is a Hong Kong businessman and is controlling shareholder in China Dye Works.

Elstree film complex to Tesco for £19 million. Brent Walker bought the 32-acre film studio in two deals worth a total of £35 million, so the disposal recoups a large proportion of the outlay and reduces the cost of holding one of Britain's best known film studios.

Among the big shares some positive signal from the bouncing back was Renters, which before yesterday's ses-

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However, the approval of

Kleinwort Benson did little to

help Guinness, which has been

hit recently by worries over

the performance of LVMH, its

24 per cent owned subsidiary,

ing to 658p on KB's raised

current year profit forecast,

the shares ran back to close 4p

point, before losing all its

gains to close unchanged at 901p. But on the way down,

on worries about international

currency exposure were Glaxa, down 3p to 697p,

Wellcome, 5p lower at 450p and Smithkline Beecham,

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sion had lost 250 points in tion of James Capel. BTR four days on profit downgrad-added 3p to 347p with the help of Hoare Govett. ings, worned about new systerns and the lack of

confidence in America. Reassuring words appear to have been muttered to key brokers stopping the rot for now. The shares improved 30p to 789p.

WPP Group, owner of J Walter Thompson and Ogilvy & Mather, the advertising agencies, and another big casualty in recent days, also showed renewed signs of life, adding 14p to 478p. Saatchi & Saatchi, on the other hand, fell

For the few buyers around, it was a day for the big stocks. with a number of brokers' buy circulars moving share prices upwards. GEC, the electronics company, rose 5.5p to 184p, helped by the recommenda-

with institutional support of late, so the increased stake was seen as an encouraging sign. Moving the other way was Bellway, 9p lower at 179p, following the sale of a line of

ments, put 5p on the shares to

154p. The housebuilding sec-

tor has not exactly been awash

stock below the market price. Housing profits, through its Balfoar Beatty arm, have contributed to the shadow hanging over BICC, the cable and construction group. So yesterday's better than expected interim profits of £100 million helped add 10p to the shares to 338p. In the property sector,

Satcliffe, Speakman, the activated carbon and gineering group still seeking a new trading range, is down another another 5p to 82p. Before last week 5

pessimistic annual meeting statement, the company stood Rosehaugh added Sp to 115p, on communing talk that a phase of its jointly-owned Broadgate complex was about

Priest Marians shed 12p to 55p, on speculation that an equity issue was more likely than a bid. But perhaps the most surprising feature of all was Speyhawk, unchanged for

Nikkei in 1,087 point slide

Tokye
THE Gulf troubles, futuresrelated selling and worries about higher interest rates sent

shares diving again, with the

Nikkei index hitting another low for this year. The index

plummeted 1,086.93 points, or 4.13 per cent, to 25,210.91

after losing 192.63 points on

It was the index's ninth

largest decline in terms of

points but still represented an

improvement on mid-after-

24,876.32, the first time the

Nikkei had dropped below the

25,000 level since February

fund manager at Nippon

Credit Bank, said: "I think the

Nikkei is going to go down

further. Most institutions are

in no position to buy right

think it is fairly safe to assume

that, with the market reaching

these levels, some foreign

houses are going to have to consider cutbacks. Their bud-

gets are based on a Nikkei in

the high 30,000s."

The index started falling

from the opening as futures

arbitrageurs sold cash stocks

to buy futures contracts that

Mike Morizumi, an asso-

ciate strategist at Shearson

Lehman Asia Inc, said: "Sup-

port was seen at 27,000, and 22,000 is the next clear sup-

port line." Volume was 360

were trading cheaply.

Another broker said: "I

Philip Gordon-Lenox, a

Tuesday.

TOKYO

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New York

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million shares, against 280 the first time in days at 2830. million on Tuesday. (Reuter) Frankfurt rebound

to be sold.

SHARES more than reversed losses to end 1.6 per cent higher, delighting dealers who had feared more heavy losses after prices had plunged by 5.2 per cent on Tuesday. The seemingly inevitable

downswing was halted some 45 minutes after the start as small buyers entered the market to pick up stocks. Dealers quickly followed out of fear of close before the Iraqi invasion missing an upture. The DAX on August 2.

higher at 1,575.10, almost 60 points, or 3.8 per cent, above the day's low.

Klaus Stabel, of Berenberg Bank, said: "What is happening here is not rational. Preopening losses of a further 2 per cent were certainly exaggerated. But the market is mainly driven by sentiment."

The DAX ended 318 points, said other that investors or 16.8 per cent, below its

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ROYAL HOLLOWAY AND BEDFORD

The Times continues its countdown to the opening of the football season

World Cup adds fuel to a boom

new season on Saturday.

"The League game is very buoyant at the present time," Andy Williamson, the Football League's assistant sec-retary, said. It has been tomers over a season. stimulated by England's showing in the World Cup, but it was already very much on an upward trend, which started

"Hopefully, that success in Italy, along with other things, such as the return to Europe. the top of the first division, giving added incentive there. 22-club first division in 1991-2should provide added interest lower down, so we should be going into the season in a very optimistic

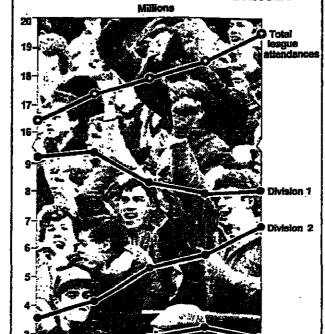
Five years ago, in the wake of Heysel, with attendances on a downward curve and an unsympathetic government problems looked intractable, and the prophets of doorn hovered, offering their patent medicines - breakaway super leagues, regionalised, parttime third and fourth didivisions, etc — as the only cures for the sick game.

But from the nadir of 1985-6, when gates reached a postwar low of 16,498,86, the improvement has been consistent. The hated and feared

IN THE aftermath of En- off;popular, and press, sentigland's World Cup success, ment has swung back foot-English football is not so ball's way; sponsorship and much quietly confident as television money has begun to buzzing with anticipation as it pour in in unprecedented prepares for the start of the amounts, and attendances have continued to rise, in spite of (because of?) the reduction in the size of the first division, which gave a projected loss of

Last year's aggregate reached 19.466,826, almost one million up on the previous year's total, and officials confidently expect it to pass the 20 million mark in the coming season for the first time since 1981-2. Another should stimulate interest at rise would make it the first time in the competition's history that the aggregate The changes in the play-offs attendance has shown an inbecause of the switch back to a crease for five consecutive years. And that is not all. because whatever one thinks about the return to a 22-club first division, or its long-term effect, in the short term that alone should guarantee another increase the following

Meanwhile, the old BBC and ITV cartel having been demanding action, such an broken, the League will reattitude would have been ceive more than £17 million in inconceivable. Football's television fees this season, ceive more than £17 million in while sponsorship money to the League and the 92 clubs should exceed last year's total of £25 million.And this was before the World Cup success, and the return to Europe. visions, no third or fourth added an extra gloss on the product. That it has done so cannot be doubted. Last week, more than 20,000 turned up at Tynecastle to see Heart of Rangers Hibernianmay struggle to



The increase in the number of second division clubs and decrease in those in the first division is reflected

in the attendance figures from 1986 to 1989 exploit this opportunity? At the chief executive, said, "but Des Walker?

Midlothian play Tottenham, a for the moment, although it government membership may happen later. The League is "looking at the logistics and draw on their visits.

cost of a televisionadvertising fying the customers, and a effort, time and money to keeping

How is football going to campaign," Arthur Sandford, League-backed scheme will ensure that we have bubbling."

the very least, one would think it would be picked up a little a quick advertising campaign later in the season." Presumto be run as appropriate on ably, although Sandford did television on Friday evenings, not say so, when the first flush starring "Gazza", David Platt, of enthusiasm begins to wane.

Other long-term marketing Nothing so brash, at least is taking place. The abortive

for the third and fourth di- and safety." vision clubs, while bigger clubs, like Arsenal, are also

eagerly investigating that area.
With a lively sense of merchandising, Arsenal have opened a massive sports retail store near their stadium offering a wide range of sports goods. But while all sections of the game are concerned that the product should retain its attractiveness on the field, most insist that "steady as she goes" rather than rash adventurism is the right approach.

"The World Cup has given us a stage," Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, said. "A lot of things which were coming together have been crystallised by the World Cup, but there is a lot to do. What we have to do now is stress quality rather than quantity: quality of fixtures and performances, quality of stadiums, and indeed quality of administration - by which I mean taking a longterm view rather than a short-

"If the response to the World Cup is just going to be spin-offs like selling Gazza Tshirts and organising even more domestic competitions it would be a terrible mistake. After the success of the World Cup, when our players had shown they were capable of matching the best for skill, for the League to then add more than ten per cent extra matches by going back to a 22club first division is a backward step as it is.

still be a proper response to scheme at least suggested the the tragedies of Hillsborough value and possibility of identi- and Heysel, to expend the It has a vital role to play in

Taylor's views

Williamson, echoed. Sandford, and David Dein, the vice-chairman of Arsenal, those "robust" opponents of the move back to 22 clubs who have spent £2 million in the summer on stadium improvements, all insist that the Taylor report and the move to all-seater stadiums is the first priority.

"Next season will ground development on the agenda of just about every board in the League, Sandford said.

"The only way the game will continue to drive forward," Dein said, "is when we have facilities which are equal to the cinema or theatre, and are genuinely comfortable, welcoming places of entertainment

Taylor and Dein also stressed the importance of using clubs' facilities for the community, both for marketing and to develop the grassroots of the game. With rare imagination. Arsenal are pursuing family involvement from a new angle, hoping that their 12 women's teams will result in women bringing the family along.

But when it comes to advertising, football believes that television is doing the job pretty well already.

'ITV is the best vehicle the game has ever had with all the games it shows, two hours at prime time," Dein said. "They are throwing money at us, and they have a responsibility to market it also. They do a lot "But the main priority must now, but they could do more with midweek and Friday night magazine programmes.

ATHLETICS

Faultless timing from Black in run-up to Split

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ROGER Black has not always given the impression that athletics is his life. He once declined a Hampshire Schools vest to sing in The Mikado. Given the pick of Gilbert and Sullivan now, he would probably choose Patience.

I was part of the school production and then I got selected to run in the English Schools," Black said. "The two clashed and I had to make a decision. Athletics didn't mean as much to me in those

mind, he thinks not of Nanki-Poo, but of next year's world championships in Tokyo. In the meantime he has been reminding the profusion of from the United States that they should have more than the odd Cuban, Australian or Kenyan to worry about in

"I have not run the perfect race yet and I might not do that this year," Black said. "I am looking forward to the next two years." Not a perfect race, but four in rapid succession around 45.00 seconds, no way I could combine which is impressive con-

He has run a good one, too, to the starting line for the European championships in Split next week. With impeccable timing. Black has reached his best form since injury three years ago threatened to close the stage door on him. Patience is being rewarded. In avoiding temptation to rush his comeback, he should be successful in his defence of his European title.

How easy it would have been, after running 46.2 in Jersey last September, to have tried in January to keep hold of his Commonwealth title, which, like his European one, was won four years earlier. Instead, his caution confined him to the relay.

Four races in two days would have been too much for me." he said. Black knew, too, that a European champion has more commercial clout than a Commonwealth one.

"Athletics is a business," he acknowledged. Thankfully, though, it was more a case of Gone to Lunch" than "Closing Down". His complimentary Mercedes had been withdrawn and his decision in 1985 to quit medical school, after one term; to make a career out of athletics began to turn sour. He was no longer a doctor in waiting, but a patient. "There have been many times I have feared for

serted in his right foot to pin a than in chilly Gateshead.



Now, when Japan comes to stress fracture and, after being on crutches for six months, he worked his way back, gradnally. As recently as six months ago, almost a year on from resuming light training world class 400-metre runners he was able to work out only every other day. Not until June was he back in full training. "I still get discomfort after most sessions," he said. By the age of 20, Black had a

collection of six significant gold medals: individual European junior and senior, Commonwealth and one from each of the relays at those championships. "There was medical school and training so, after much deliberation. I decided I would go for athletics because not many people have that opportunity. I didn't want to look back and say: 'If only, if only.

His taste for rouning "athletics was something I did on sports day at school." - was developed when, failing to get the grades he needed for a place at St Bartholomew's Medical School, he had time on his hands. "I had to upgrade one subject, which I did in a couple of months and had the rest of the year off."

Now, at 24, Black is "having to relearn the event." A personal best 20.60sec for 200 metres at the AAA's championships at the beginning of the mouth set him un for four one-lap races in 11 days. In the last three, at Brussels, Zurich and Gateshead, he set the three fastest times by a European this year, but sees room for

"In Maimo (the first of the four in which he recorded 45.41] I went off too quickly; in Brussels I went off about right and ran a fast time [44.91]; in Zurich [45.05] I went off too quickly again, which I was annoyed about because I got carried away with the atmosphere, in Gateshead [45.13] I went off comfortably and ran a fast time by doing that." He would But the medics got it right, deal faster in Zurich, the main eventually. A screw was in- grand prix meeting of the year,

awkwardly bouncing loose ball on his own 22-metre line and

sweep it out to the wing. The English players were wrong-

footed and as Randwick surged

forward, a series of looping overhead passes found Elia homing in on the posts.

Ella, the first Aborigine to

play for Australia, has the

unique record of scoring a try is each of the Wallabies' games

each of the Wallabies' games against England, Ireland, Scot-iand and Wales on the grand

He played in 25 internationals

slam tour of 1984.

Ella's glorious farewell

SYDNEY (Reuter) - Mark Ella. his renowned handling abilities the former Australian captain. enabled him to nick up an ended his playing career yesterday with a glorious try for his club, Randwick, to seal a 20-3 victory over the touring English

club champions, Bath,
Ella's moment of glory
brought a dour and bad-tempered game to life for almost 10,000 spectators who packed into the club's tiny beach-front ground to bid farewell to the man most rate as the finest player Australia has produced. The stand-off half, aged 31, has retired before, spending four

years out of the game until he returned to club rugby last year. But he insists his playing days are now over This is it. I'm not interested

in playing any more," he said. Ella and his family head today for Italy where he will coach the Amatori club in Milan. Ella had few chances to shine but five minutes from the end

and, although the three never played together in the same national team, his brothers.

Glen and Gary, also won Australian caps while playing for Randwick.

Glen now plays for another Sydney club, Manly, and injury has forced Gary into retirement.

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Newcastle illustrate peril of selling assets

PAUL Gascoigne, Chris Waddle, and Peter Beardsley received an ironic cheer at St James' Park when they took their seats in the new Milburn Stand for last season's second division play-off semi-final with

Newcastle United lost and staved down - a price often paid by clubs who trade in their best players for a handsome new stand. Such a to-sell or not-tosell quandary is bound to be experienced by several second divison clubs this season as the need to meet the requirements of Lord Justice Taylor, and ensure that their grounds are all-seated by 1994, becomes increasingly pressing.

Even it clubs intend to retain their best assets, talented players will want to play in the first division sooner rather than later. Earl Barrett, of Oldham Ham United, Alan McLoughlin, of Swindon Town, and Steve Bull, of Wolverhampton individuals who will inevitably prove the source of transfer

speculation this season. For the sake of the supporters. it is to be hoped that they stay put. A 24-club division is dominated by a heavy fixture programme in which injuries and tiredness all too often precipitate a compromise in playing standards, typically manifested by the speculative punt upfield.
A slice of skill from the likes of Slater can lift a match into

The second division promises a fascinating mix of styles but, as LOUISE TAYLOR reports, playing ambitions must be tai-lored to the demand by the Taylor Report to make grounds all-seated by 1944

something that lingers in the spectator's memory rather than being discarded before the Saturday tea dishes are washed up such as Wolverhampton Wanderers for playing a basic version of the long ball, involv-

ing passing to areas of the pitch as opposed to specific men, can produce not only points but also VZWTIS. To be fair, accurate, early, long balls played to wingers - as in the halvcon days at Watford. when John Barnes and Nigel Callaghan flourished under Gra-

ham Taylor exhilararating. high-scoring In any case, the second di-vision cannot be regarded as the Mecca of the percentage game. There are sufficient teams with the three or four very good "core" players in key positions ie Kerslake, McLoughlin, and White at Swindon — to enable

David Pleat, the manager of Leicester City, said: "This year there are a lovely mixture of teams. West Ham - and it could be Stuart Slater's year - Shef-

teams to experiment with alter-

field Wednesday, Swindon, Middlesbrough, Port Vale, and ourselves are all attractive sides. and I think this season will see more football.

"We all favour slower build-ups, and with managers like Ron Atkinson, Joe Royle, and Billy Bonds around, play is bound to be more calculating. We should see less of the sort of football which was so criticised

"But the long ball won promotion for Dave Bassett at Sheffield United last season, and Wolverhampton Wander-ers could do well with a similar system this time. The World Cup is bound to influence playing styles, however.

"I think that in its aftermath we will see about eight second division teams playing two forward - a sweeper system. But whether you play a five-man midfield, a flat back four, a sweeper, move the ball around in diamond patterns like Swinattacking all systems have their drawbacks - which is what

makes life interesting.
"So interesting, that I think as many as 15 second division teams have cause for genuine optimism about promotion, while around six will probably start out contemplating relega-

of the leading 15 or so, there

are several teams with a recent

first division tradition, and the support that goes with it.

"Newcastle United, who finished third in May, and Swindon, who were promoted via the the League, will be strong contenders. At Newcastle, Jim Smith has one or two players who are getting on a bit, and he knows it is this team's last

"Nobody knows how the problems surrounding Swindon will affect them. They were lucky with injuries last year, but Ossie did a superb job in giving them confidence, and letting them enjoy themselves on and off the field.

"After the disciplinarian approach of Lou Macari the players loved being allowed to have a beer after the game. Ossie is very relaxed, and keeps telling them that even Maradona is useless without confidence. The result was that they grew enor-mously in confidence, but whether this approach will produce sustained success remains

to be seen. "Millwall and Chariton, the teams who came down alone with Sheffield Wednesday are also likely to be involved at the top end of the table, and even teams like West Bromwich Albion, Portsmouth, Watford, and Barnsley who did not do so well last time could be vasily im-



Stuart Slater: could set alight the second division

Barnsley

Mel Machin's arrival as manager at the end of last season helped rescue Barnsley from relegation. Machin has promised coalkeepers, protecting the defence, they could be dark horses this season. TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: P Futcher (Haříax. free); S Dunphy (Lincoin, £30,000).

Blackburn Rovers

Suffer from knack of reaching play-offs but missing out on promotion. A never-say-die attitude, typified by their habit of scoring late goals, coupled with talented touches from the likes of Sellars and Gayle should lift them above mid-table. But in defence, Moran is ageing and Mail has gone to Hull, while in attack. Stapleton increasingly Garner cannot go on for ever. TRANSFERS: In: L Richardson (Wattord, player-ex with A Kennedy, with Blackburn receiving £80,000); M Ductbury (Manchester Utd. Iree). Out: T Firmigan (Hull, £30,000); D Med (Hull, £160,000); A Kennedy (Watford, player-ex).

Brighton With Gotsmanov, last season's saviour, at Southampton, Keeley's goalkeeping skills transferred to Oldham, and Dublin having departed to Watford, lment in the relegation issue could be on the agenda. The signing of Small, after a long spell out of English football, was the first move in furnishing new support for Neison in attack. TRANSFERS: In: M Small (Salonika, 550,000); C Walker (Fulham, £20,000). Out: K Dublin (Watford, £275,000); K Bremner (Peterborough, £18,000); J Keeley (Oldham, £300,000).

Bristol City

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Joe Jordan, who turned down an offer to manage Aston Villa. clearly has grounds for staying put at Ashton Gate. Providing Bob Taylor can keep sconing with the frequency of his third division days, and Kelly, signed from Hull, settles in goal, a place in the top half of the table is a realistic

prospect.
TRANSPERS: In: W Altson (Wattord, player-ex with M Gavan, Cdy receiving £100,000): M Azlewood (Bradford, £125,000): A May (Hoddersheld, £30,000): L Donorta (Ipswich, £35,000): M Jones (Crystal Palace, free), Out: R Turner (Plymouth, £150,000): M Gavan (Wattord,

Bristol Rovers

Gerry Francis is an able young r lanager, but, perhaps significate he has only agreed to a one-year contract. Did well to earn

CLUB-BY-CLUB GUIDE TO THE SECOND DIVISION promotion on a borrowed ground last season after selling Martyn and Perrice, their best

TRANSFERS: fa: None. Out: None. Charlton Athletic

Will sorely miss Williams, McLaughlin, and Humphrey, three of their best players all sold during the summer. Should continue to adhere to attractive continue to adhere to attracti playing principles but sustained promotion challenge could be too high a hurdle. With the likes of Mackenzie and Peake arguably Mackenzie and Peake arguably past their best. Lennie Lawrence rill be anxious to retain Selhurst Park remains. TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: J Humphrey (Crystal Palace, 2450.000): P Williams (Shellield Wed, £700.000): J McLaughlin(Wattord, £300.000).

Hull City

Recovered well after floundering during the early part of last season. Fortified last season. Fortified defensively by the acquisition of Mail from Blackburn, but could miss Kelly, the goalkeeper who has left for Bristol City, leaving the erratic Hesford as the last line of defence. Heavily reliant on Payton's detensive attributes last season; woe betide City if he falls prey to injury or a transfer. TRANSFERS: In: R Wilcox (Northampton, £80,000); T Finnigan (Blackburn, £30,000); D Mail (Blackburn, £160,000). Out: P Mudd (Scarborough, £5,000).

Ipswich Town

for John Lyali. Players of the calibre of Lowe, Kiwoyma, and Dozzeli make Ipswich potential promotion material, but the squad lacks depth and they tend to beone-TRANSFERS: In: P Parkes (West Ham, Iree): P Mrtchell (Limfield, Iree). Out: S

Ballacha (Si Johnstone, free); M D'Avra (Numegen, free); J Wark (Auddiesbrough Leicester City

David Pleat remains one of the game's most talented managers, his team play attractive football. but limited resources and a shallow squad mean that a playoffolace would be a trumph. Will and previously the fulcrum of the midfield, and could do with Kelly fulfilling the early promise shown at Walsall in attack. TRANSPERS: In: B Davies (St Mirrer, 2200,000); R Hill (Le Havre, £100,000). Out: G McAlfister (Leeds, £1,000,000).

Middlesbrough

The likes of Ripley. Cooper

division players only two seasons ago, and a relatively high skill factor remains. Off-the-field problems contributed to last season's dalliance with

relegation, but should do rather better under the new management of Colin Todd this me. His purist principles ma Middleshrough are likely to be one of the prettiest teams, but — despite Slaven's goals — they could despite Staven a good attackneeded for promotion. Brennan and Davenport have gone, but while Hendrie and Wark, who is likely to start in the midfield, will fit the Boro playing pattern, they are unikely to make any more of an impact than their predecessors.

TRANSFERS: In: J Hendrie (Leeds, 2500,000); J Wark (Ipswich, unknown). Out: M Brennan (Manchester City, 2500,000); P Davenport (Sunderland, 2300,000). Millwall His sock and beard inspections eventually grated at Middlesbrough, but Bruce Rioch is a great motivator and the Dan probably offers the ideal environment for his disciplinarian approach. Expect to see the long-ball style modified and the best brought out of the likes of Stephenson, and, possibly, Goddard, who proved a misfit

TRANSFERS: In: M. McCarthy (Lyons,£300,000): A Rae (Falkirk, £100,000): J. Goodman (Bromley, £50,000). Out. None.

Newcastle United The "thirty-somethings" of the division, Newcastle have a surfeit of players approaching the end of their careers, and no apparent the grey-haired category and is expected to be moved into a newlook defence. Its success will depend on the continued blossoming of Kristensen, a Danish import. At least with Quinn, a relative youngster at 28, staying to once again lead the attack, and the skilful Brock to feed him from midfield. United should score enough goals to elevate them into the top six. But with Jim Smith stripped of his cheque-book by directors, the Dad's Army touch could count against United. TRANSFERS: In: N Simpson (Aberdeen, £150,000): S Sloan (Berwick, £100,000).

Notts County

Will Neil Warnock's managerial career continue to flourish after his early successes in getting Scarborough into the League, and County promotion? Lack frills but possess the steel to survive.

providing Yates, their outstanding central de outstanding central defender, reamins at Meadow Lane. Lund, the forward once bracketed in the £1 million category, has a chance to fulfil his potential. TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: N Law (Rotherham, £35,000).

Oldham Athletic

proved this time."

The division's best side last season when cup commitments in the way of promotion, but wil badly miss Irwin, the right back sold to Manchester United, and Milligan, the midfield player, transferred to Everton, Much will depend on whether Oldham can retain Barrett, their ourstanding central defender. Currie, signed from Nottingham Forest, from Nottingham Forest, showed glimpses of considerable talent on the wing when with Bristol City and Darlington, and Keeley, bought from Brighton, is a sound goalkeeper. Coupled with their plastic pitch, not to mention Joe Royle's managerial expertise, these signings should take them to the play-offs. TRANSFERS: In: J Keeley (Brighton, £300,000); D Currle (Notim Forest, £450,000). Out D Inwin (Marchester Utd, £625,000); S McSarvey (Mazda, Japan, £15,000); M Miffigan (Everton, £1 million).

Oxford United Attempt to pursue a pleasing

passing game but could be bludgeoned into relegation zone by teams practising more direct approach. Much will depend on fitness of Evans to resume in central defence Dumin and Stem have ability to pose opposition defenders problems but, like the team as a whole, suffer from inconsistency. TRANSFERS: In: A Motiville (Swansea, £275,000). Out: C Greenhall (Bury, £125,000).

Plymouth Argyle With their attack dismantled -Tynan at Torquay, and McCarthy at Bradford, it will be a surprise if Argyle do not struggle. On the psychological side. David Kemp. the manager, should inject some of the fighting spirit he helped conjure when coaching at Palace and Wimbledon - along

TRANSFERS: In: S. Morgan (Blackpoot, £15,000): R. Turner (Bristol Crly, £150,000); D. Walter (Exeter Crly, £10,002). Out: T. Tyram (Torquay, Iree): S. McCarthy (Bradford, £250,000); G. Campoell (Northampton, Iree): M. Stuart (Bradford, £80,000). Portsmouth | Will miss the stability provided by Kevin Ball, the central defender transferred to Sunderland, but in Stevens and Chamberlain, both

not to mention Hazard, they

possess players with the ability to surpnse, hampered by acapacity for the erratic. Whittingham, their former army centre forward, lacks a similar pedigree, but Portsmouth will lean heavily on his partnership with Clarke partnership with Clarke. TRANSFERS: In: C Ctarke (Queen's Park Rangers, £450,000) Out: K Ball (Sunder-land, £350,000); T Connor (Swartsea, £150,000).

Port Vale

Promotion may be beyond them, but with Ray Walker adorning the midfield, ably assisted by Earle, and the tricky Beckford in attack, Vale possess sufficient ability — altough they are not atraid to be physical — to extend their tenure as the leading team in the Potteries.

Sheffield Wednesday

Radiate quality, and players of the ilk of Sheridan should ensur need to compromise purist principles in favour of more utilitarian approach. Will miss Atkinson, sold to Real Sociedad, in attack, but Williams, signed from Charlton, promises to be

TRANSFERS: In: P Williams (Chariton £700.000): D Wilson (Luton, £200.000) Out: T Gregory (Halitax, free); D Atlanson (Real Sociedad, £1,700,000).

Swindon Town Outstanding at Wembley when they beat Sunderland in this

season's play-off final before being demoted by League in wake of financial irregularities. Kerslake, McLoughlin, and White should prove key players in defence, midfield, and attack respectively. Will be introguing to see how team sourit responds to financial scandal hanging over club. Graced the division with their passing game under the management of Osvaldo Ardiles last season. TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: M Jones (Cardiff, free); J Cornwell (Sunderland £55,000).

Watford

In Jack Petchey, Colin Lee, and David Hay. Watford boast new charman, newish manager, and new coach. Will miss Colon, the goalkeeper sold to Manchester City, who will be replaced by Rees (three first-team games in three seasons) in a radically re-shaped team. Pennce is an outstanding forward bufdamaged knee ligaments in a pre-season match and could miss the early part

Holdsworth, an England under-21 international, should help hold Watford steady in mid-table. Watford steady in mid-table. TRANSFERIS. In: A Devorshire (West Ham, free): K Dublin (Brighton, 2275,000); M Gawn (Bristol City, player-ex with W Alsson, Watford paying £100,000); J McLouphin (Charthon, £300,000); A Kennedy (Blackburn, player-ex with L Richardson, Watford paying £50,000). Out: G Hodges (Crystal Palace, £410,000); L Henry (Maldstone, £40,000); A Coton (Manchester City, £1,000,000); L Richardson (Blackburn, player-ex); I Roberts (Huddersfield, £275,000).

West Bromwich Albion

Brian Taibot spent heavily last season but ended up contemplat relegation rather than romotion. Injuries to, among thers, West hardly helped, but with Whyte, one of the best central fenders in the division, having moved to Leeds during the summer and North, another centre back, unsettled, Talbot will expect much from players such as Goodman, Bannister, and

TRANSPERS: It: None. Out: C Whyte (Leeds, £450,000); P Bradshaw (Peterborough, frue); D Barnett (Walsall, free). West Ham United

On their day, a handful for anyone last season when they beat both Sheffield United and Sunderland 5-0, and championship contenders this season, providing Billy Bonds can establish consistency. Stuart Stater will emerge as one of the division's most exciting players in an attacking midfield role. Slight defensive vulnerability — if Stewart does not regain full fitness will need to buy a full back. Brady and Devonshire may be gone but Bishop will add flair in midfield, and Morley and Quina should prove effective in attack. TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: P Parkes (Ipswich, free); A Devonshire (Watford,

Wolverhampton Wanderers Tendency to play long balls into areas of the field as opposed to

specific men, means they are unlikely to thrill. But similar philosophy paid dividends for Shetheld United last season, and, while But lead this property ile Bull and Mutch rema paired in attack, a play-off place remains a strong possibility. Paid Derby 2350,000 for central services of Hindmarch, but could have spent the money better in midfield. TRANSFERS: In: M Stowell (Eventon, £275,000); R Hindmarch (Derby, £375,000). Out F Street (Reading, free);

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET Third Comhill Test 11.0, 90 overs mirámum THE OVAL: England v India Tour match

Britannic Assurance championship 11.0, 110 overs minimum

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v

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Dayjur to strengthen title claims Further Flight pulls off

DAYJUR can underline his claims to be the country's leading sprinter by winning the Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes at York this afternoon.

He first came to prominence when winning the Temple Stakes at Sandown in May, making all to beat Tigani by two lengths. Willie Car-son's decision to adopt those tactics have been the making of Dayjur.

Previously Carson had tried to keep something in reserve, with varying degrees of success, but once he let Dayjur blaze the trail, the son of Danzig developed into a dif-Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot suggested that Dayjur would went the same way, with Dayjur making almost all and Victory by 21/2 lengths.

Dayjur will again be prominent from the off this afternoon, and I can envisage him in his place. bolding off his greatest rival,



Carson: sure to adopt forcing tactics on Dayjur

After Argentum had won in ferent proposition. The King's Holt, his trainer, jokingly fine style at Goodwood, Jack make an ideal pacemaker for him at York. Although offered comfortably holding off Ron's with tongue in cheek, Carson has taken the jibe to heart and will be keener than ever to put what he sees at the pretender

Argentum was well behind Dayjur at Ascot although soft

Argentum and, with the forecast set fair, he should not be inconvenienced by the ground. Whether the balance of his form is as solid as Dayjur's is rather more debatable, and it is Dayjur who gets the vote.

Pharach's Delight, an outstanding two-year-old, was a good second at Deauville last week but still has something to find against the principals here, while Mr Nickerson, the American challenger, is clearly useful but is difficult to assess.

Carson can complete a double on Kafiyah in the Pacemaker Update Lowther Stakes. She was hampered when 14 lengths second to Ivory Bride at Newbury last month and, although she meets Ivory Bride on the same terms here, she would probably have won at Newbury

superable obstacle. The faster the Galtres Stakes. She ran on horse with a future. the ground the better for strongly to beat the highlyregarded Stapleford Manor over ten furlongs at Newbury and looks likely to be even better suited by the extra two furlongs here.

Two of her greatest rivals, and then ran well for a long Madiriya and Secret Waters, way in the Jersey Stakes at may not be as well suited by the trip. Madiriya has given the impression that she would be more at home over a mile and a quarter while Secret Waters was successful over a mile and three-quarters last

The City Of York Stakes offers Lord Charmer an excellent opportunity to reestablish his reputation. After a highly impressive debut at Newmarket, he moved up in class to tackle group one at Salisbury's evening meetcompany in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood, won by Distant Relative. That proved too stiff a task

given a clear run.

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ground there proved an in- Henry Cecil's three runners in show once again that he is a The Bradford & Bingley

Handicap is, as ever, a competitive contest. However, Sayyara catches the eye. She was an impressive winner of a maiden at Newmarket Royal Ascot. A half-sister to the good miler, Safawan, she may have more scope than most of her rivals.

Michael Stoute, the trainer of Sayyara, should also be on the mark at Yarmouth with Caspian Beluga in the Wellington Pier Maiden Stakes. The form of his second to Regal Sabre at Newmarket last month should be good enough

Timeless Times returns to action in the Nightfall Stakes ing, but he may find the Goodwood winner, Polish Patriot, too strong for him.

Blinkered first time

Ebor gamble for Hills

BARRY Hills, the master of Manion, landed a major betting coup when Further Flight by taking fourth place but Star stormed home to a 11/2-length victory over Bean King in the Tote Ebor at York yesterday.

In the middle of a frustrating time as he struggles to form a syndicate to purchase the costly 2,300-acre Wiltshire estate from Robert Sangster, the dapper 53year-old professional was plainly savouring his moment of triumph as his son, Michael, rode the 7-1 joint-favourite into the unsaddling enclosure.

"Taken and wanted," said the trainer with a smile. "I've always liked to know what I've got in my yard and I've had this race in mind for a long time. It'll certainly keep the wolf from the door for a while."

Further Flight, previously an impressive winner of the Tennent Trophy at Ayr, is now likely to attempt to repeat the 1988 triumph of Nomadic Way in the Cesarewitch

lt was also a marvellous moment for the jockey, who recently lost his retainer with his father. "Oddly enough, taking the pressure off has given me a lot more confidence," he said. "It's good to know that both my father and the owners want me. I got a marvellous run up the inner. The horse was always going sweetly but as usual dossed when he hit the front. I'm sure he'll stay further."

Further Flight is a son of Flying Nelly, the 1974 Cambridgeshire winner, who died last year. Remarkably, Simon Wingfield Digby has this season bred the winners of the Chester Cup, the Arms States Chester Cup. the Ascot Stakes and now the Ebor with Travel-ling Light, Retouch and Further

Holy Zeal finished third, three-quarters of a length behind

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Draw: high numbers best in sprints

Going; good to firm

SALISBURY

Selections By Mandarin 5.30 Navaresque. 6.0 Pusey Street Boy. 6.30 Polish Patriot. 7.0 Take Heart. 7.30 Rentina. 8.0

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 5.30 Future Gamble. 6.0 Dodgy. 6.30 Timeless

warded his each-way supporters by taking fourth place but Star Lord, the other 7-1 joint favour-ite, weakened three furlongs from home to finish last.

If Steve Cauthen and Michael Roberts had stolen the limelight on the opening afternoon, then Willie Carson dominated proceedings yesterday. The jockey, who starts his second four-day suspension of the month on Wednesday, landed a sparkling treble on Hellenic, Mujiahid and Mujadil

Not for the first time, Walter Swinburn made the wrong choice when opting to ride

Seely's York treble Michael Seely was in outstanding form at York yesterday, completing a 207-1 treble with Further Flight (7-1, nap), Silver Singing (5-1) and Hellenic (100-30).

Kartajana in preference to Hellenic in the Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks. But three furlongs from home, with Hellenic apparently labouring in last place. Michael Stoute's stable jockey looked to be on the mark. However, the picture changed dramatically as Hellenic's stamina started to come into play. Carson brought her swooping down on the leaders inside the last furlong to beat Kartajana by 1½ lengths with Wajd, the French-trained filly, forfeiting a head away third.

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In 1981. Carson had suffered one of the most traumatic moments of his career when fracturing his skull on Silken Knot in this race. And for some time yesterday his chances of keeping the race in which he wore the same pale blue, yellow

and white colours of the Weinstock family appeared in doubt as Hellenic had hung to the left in the closing stages. But, after a stewards' enquiry, the placings were allowed to stand.

Stoute, who has now cap-tured the Yorkshire Oaks four times, said: "The ground was a bit firm for Hellenic. She needs more juice in it than that The St. Leger is an obvious possibility but the going will be the deciding factor." Lord Weinstock and his son,

Simon, however, have their sights firmly fixed on the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The family has hed a second and three thirds in the Arc and would dearly love to be represented in this year's race by Hellenic. Mujtahid's style of winning the Scottish Equitable Gimerack

Stakes may not have satisfied all the critics as the 2-1 on favourite gave Carson his third victory in York's historic feature in the past five years, but Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum's July Stakes winner certainly scored with authority.

The bookmakers retain Mujtahid as their favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, their prices varying from 7-1 (Corals) to 10-1 (Ladbrokes).

However, Robert Armstrong, previously the trainer of such fast horses as Moorestyle, Never So Bold and Shady Heights, was more than satisfied. "He's the best two-year-old I've trained. Above all we mant to be him. Above all, we want to keep him relaxed and not wake him up too much in his races. His sire, Woodman, was very excitable and used to get stirred up before his races."

Carl Hodgson was taken to

York District Hospital with head injuries after a fall from Between The Sticks in the Falmouth Handicap.

6.30 NIGHTFALL STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,882: 51) (6)

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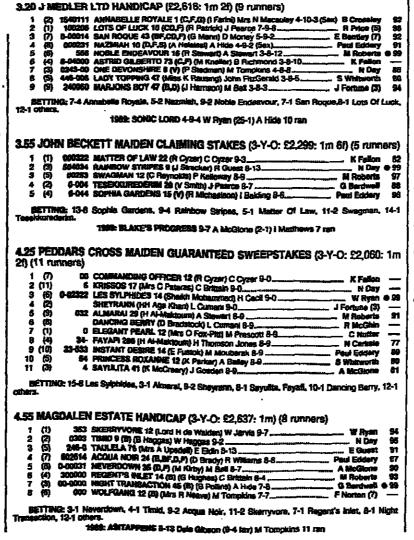
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11-8 Temeless Times, 7-4 Polish Patroot, 5-1 Muddy Lane, 14-1 Celebarm, 25-1 Golden Birch, Echo Lady.

2.45 BRADFORD & BINGLEY HANDICAP (£24,660: 1m) (18 runners) C4 401 (16) 18-13 SUNDANCE KID SS (BFF,C) (birs M Nierchos) H Cacil 3-9-10 ... S Cauthers 402 (8) 402 (8) 403 (13) 403 (13) 404 (8) 518 SAYYARA SS (D,G) (Aga Khen) M Stouts 3-9-2 ... M H Him 91 405 (11) 405 (11) 406 (12) 523013 ST NIMAN 13 (BF,CD,F.3) (Lody Muriess) M H Easterby 4-9-0 ... M Birch 97 407 (18) 408 (17) 409 (17) 409 (17) 409 (18) 409 (18) 409 (17) 401 (18) 409 (17) 401 (18) 409 (18) 409 (19) 400 (19 10-13 SUNDANCE KID SO (BF.F.C) (Mrs. M. Hierchos) H. Cacil 3-9-10 S. Card Selections By Mandarin By Our Newmarket 2.05 MADAME DUBOIS (nap). Correspondent 2.05 Madame Dubois. 2.35 WOLF HALL (nap). 2.35 Hilti's Hut, 3.10 Dayjur. 3.45 Sayyara. 4.15 Kafiyah. 3.10 Statoblest. 3.45 Sundance Kid. 4.15 Seductress. 4.45 Shampoo. 4.45 Lord Charmer. By Michael Seely 3.10 DAYJUR (nap). 3.45 Sundance Kid. 4.45 Lord Charmer. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 DAYJUR. Going: good to firm Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best 2.5 GALTRES STAKES (Listed race: filles: £14,750: 1m 4f) (12 runners) FORM FOCUS SUNDANCE KID beats in 1%1 by sole rival Hatston Prince over the same course and distance (firm). 57 NINAM beat Nietted Waitz 6I in a match at Goodwood (71, good) on penultimate start; fatest 2'ki afted 4't to Selash at Newbury (1m., good to firm). YOU MASSED 865 beat Gelderdale a neck at Sandown (1m., good to firm) on penultimate start. Sandown (1m., good to firm) on penultimate start with EL REY (8ib better off) 3't/1 first (placed 5th) and point (1m.) Bath (1m. 8yd. Read) and PONTENIOVO (3th worse off) 7th. RISEN MOON beat Ethudhud SI at Warwick (71, good to firm); issued. 2.5 GALTRES STAKES (Listed race: fillies: £14,750: 1m 47) (12 runners) 101 (2) 401282 COOL RUN 10 (F.G.S) (Ners M Thomas) B Michiahon 5-8-4 [102 (1) 6-1121 MADAME DUBOR 35 (F) (Chreden Stud) H Cacl 3-8-11 [103 (4) 13-2 ADVIE SREDGE 29 (F) (Sr D Wills) H Cacl 3-8-8 [104 (5) 1 CHRRUP 54 (F) (Lord Hallian) J Dunlop 3-8-8 [105 (7) 92-825 COSMIC PRINCESS 40 (Mrs K Young M Jarvis 3-8-8 [106 (8) 23-21 FULL ORCHESTRA 19 (F) (In Guern) W Hern 3-8-8 [107 (6) 3155-00 GOLD HOSTALGIA 8 (F) (I Norris) P Kelevery 3-8-8 [C 108 (3) 41-4311 MADIRIYA 34 (F.G) (Aga Khari) L Cumani 3-8-8 [C 2-421 NAFMAR 13 (D.F) (Herndan A-Maticount) H Thomson Jones 3-8-8 [10 (9) 2-421 NAFMAR 13 (D.F) (Herndan A-Maticount) H Thomson Jones 3-8-8 [11 (11) 345111 SECRET WATERS 21 (D.F) (R Crutchley) R Johrson Houghton 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S St George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S St George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S St George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S St George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S St George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S St George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S St George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S S George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S S George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S S George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S S George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S S George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S S George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S S George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S S George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S S George) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S S GEORGE) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTs S S GEORGE) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTS S GEORGE) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F) (RTS S GEORGE) W Janus 3-8-8 [12 (12) 4-10 TEBORA 63 (D.F W R Swindows: W R Swindows: B Reymond W Carress 4.15 PACEMAKER UPDATE LOWTHER STAKES (Group II: 2-Y-O (C4 fillies: £42,426: 6f) (10 runners) SETTING: 7-4 Medame Oubols, 4-1 Oneway, 13-2 Medinys, 8-1 Nethast, Secret Waters, 10-1 Cosmic Princess, 12-1 Adver Bridge, 14-1 Chirrup, Full Orchestra, 16-1 Teeors, 20-1 others. 1969: KNOOSH 3-8-12 W R Swinburn (Evens fav) M Stoute 6 ran FORM FOCUS MADAME DUBOTS will and followed up with a neck success over Once progressed well and recorded her third success of the assesson when best-ing Stapleford Manor Kil at Newbury (Im 21, good to firm). 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BETTMC: 7-2 Dangora, 4-1 Katiyah, 9-2 Zigaura, 6-1 Cloche D'Or, 8-1 Ivory Bride, 10-1 Seductress, 12-nly Yours, 14-1 Glaeming Water, 16-1 others. 1989: DEAD CERTAIN 9-0 S Cauthen (5-4 tay) D Elsworth 6 ran FORM FOCUS CLOCHE BYOR stayed on strongly to best ONLY YOURS (3b bester off) by 11/41 with the despointing favourite ZIGAURA (3b bester off) a hours off and the strong strong favourite ZIGAURA (3b bester off) a hours off and the strong strong favourite ZIGAURA (3b bester off) a hours of a strong strong favourite ZIGAURA (3b bester off) a hours of the strong strong favourite ZIGAURA is much bester judged on earlier 11/41 2nd to Chicarica in a group ill race at Newmerket (5f, good) issument of a listed race at Newmerket (5f, good) issument of a listed race at Newmerket (5f, good) issument of a listed race at Newmerket (5f, good) issument of a listed race at Newmerket (5f, good) issument of a listed race at Newmerket (5f, good) issument of the strong strong of the strong strong of the strong strong strong strong of the strong 2.35 MOORESTYLE CONVIVIAL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: 27,440: 69) 8 BEAU VENTURE 49 (Mrs A States) F Lee 9-0. 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LORIO CHARMER _3.10 KEENELAND NUNTHORPE STAKES (Group I: £72,551: 5f) (9 (C4) 5.15 KNAVESHIRE HANDICAP (£8.090: 1m 4f) (14 runners) FORM FOCUS MR NECKERSON, a printer who has won 10 of his 21 starts and broke the 51 course record at Philadelphia last season, best Sewcidiay a nose in a 4-runniar grade 2 handscap at Belmont Park (6f, fast) on pendiments start. ARGENTUM best the dead-heaters ELYTON LAD (450 worse off) and Dancing Music 134 in the King George States at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) with STATOBLEST (same terms) 31 7th and below form ARGENTUM (5th worse off) and Dancing Music 134 in the King George States at Goodwood (5f, good to firm) with STATOBLEST (same terms) 31 3rd, and STATOBLE Long hendicep: Queitair Sweetie 7-4. 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5.30 WOODFORD APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,721: 1m) (18 runners) 1 -001 KEEP YOUR WORD 54 (D.G) G Bakeng 4-10-0 5 2051 FACT OR FICTION 24 (B,F) H Candy 4-9-2 Georgia 5-1 Fact Or Fiction, 11-2 Super Trip, 13-2 Navaresque, 7-1 6.0 ODSTOCK CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-Q: £2,595: 7f) (17) 71) (17) 1 0000 GINGERRUIT 40 (C.F) M Usher 9-2 ... M Marshell (5) 6 2 5151 DODGY 12 (D.F) W Hepges 9-1 ... A Musero 1 3 5-94 HALF A PIRK JO 37 M McCormack 8-11 ... A Shoults 3 4 -055 BLEETTON ROAD 7 Mins B Warnen 8-11 ... N Howe 5 5 1-50 POLLY MULDOWNEY 71 D Elsworth 8-11 ... B Rouse 13 5 1500 PUSEY STREET BOY 12 (D.F) R Hannon 8-9 G Saxter 5 7 4091 WULVICK 15 (D.F) R Aleburs 8-9 ... T Williams 15 8 404C GOTCHER 10 (F) W Carter 8-6 N Gerilliams (5) 2 9 0000 TINA'S ANGEL 55 I Fox 8-6 N Gerilliams (5) 2 9 0000 TINA'S ANGEL 55 I Fox 8-6 N Tebburt 10 10 3200 FAST OPERATIVE 9 W G N Turner 8-5 ... D Biggs (5) 16 11 0500 NCCHOLAS PAYNE 33 (6) J Psyne 8-5 ... M Tebburt 10 2 2 LADY LACEY 10 G Buding 8-4 J Williams 8 13 6 TELYX 56 P Maion 8-4 T Sprake (5) 11 14 FLGAITY ANGEL I Baiong 8-2 T Sprake (5) 15 5 -005 KLAROVER 47 C Hrif 8-2 N Addons 4 16 3 ROSILU 9 R Hodges 8-0 G Rutter 17 15 2000 SIBERIAN STEPPES 8 P Mitchel 8-0 ... C Rutter 17 15 2000 SIBERIAN STEPPES 8 P Mitchel 8-0 ... C Rutter 17 5-2 Dodgy, 3-1 Lady Lacey, 11-2 Telyx, Wilwick, 8-1 liderton Road, Pusey Street Boy, 16-1 Nicticias Payne, 20-1 others.

7.0 NETTON HANDICAP (£3,752: 1m 2f) (6) 5-2 Limeburn, 3-1 Alfarin, Take Heart, 9-2 Carpet Silippers, 16-1 Almagninb, 20-1 Logical Lady. 7.30 NETHERAVON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,413: 1m 4f) (8) 5-2 Nataraya, 7-2 Betony, 4-1 Rentina, 13-2 That 10-1 Lomond Lady, 14-1 Apsimore, 16-1 others. 8.0 HURSTBOURNE NURSERY (2-Y-O: £2,616; 7f) 3153 ABLE JET 15 (F) MYS N Macauley 8-2 N Adjuma 2 643 BLUE CRAME 15 J Durlop 8-0 A MicGlove 8 020 GESMERA 40 M Blanshard 7-13 CRAME OF RUSH 5430 GOLDEN GENERAL 19 W Wightman 7-12. T WIRLEMS 1 11-4 Harsoen, 9-2 Jim's Wish, 5-1 Blue Aeroplane, Able Jet, 8-1 Shot Stooper, Jimtil, 10-1 Tom's Prospect, 14-1 others. Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 37 winners from 123 runners, 30.1%; A Stewart, 3 from 15, 20.0%; H Thomson Jones, 7 from 37, 18,9%; J Balding, 25 from 150, 16,7%; R Akeherst, 8 from 53, 15,1%; J Bethell, 4 from 27, 14,8%. JOCKEYS: No qualifiers.

 Cath Walwyn's first runner, The Pursewarden, finished last of four in the Eartham Handicap Hurdle at Fontwell Park yesterday and will now go novice chasing. Victory went to Katy Lou, who initiated a 32-1 double for Brooke Sanders and Dale McKeown, completed by Salmon Prince.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

York

Going-good

2.5 (6f) 1. CHERRY DANCE (J. Bleasdale, 17-2): 2. My Alma (M. Roberts, 100-30 fav); 3. Horstay (W. R. Swinburn, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Wild Prospect, 8. Zingar, 10 Jenaira Joe (6th), Mrs Barton, 14 Call At Eight (6th), 16 Prosport, Kinlet Visson (4th), 20 Golden Orrey, Lady Jemma, On The Rebound, 33 Desire's Double, Joby Fishermen, Bellstra, Mysscal Flower, Qualitatir Promise, Too Much Champagne, 100 The Groovy Kipper, 20 ran, Ni, 17tl, 8th At, 17tl, 17tl, C Thornton at MidCieham, Tote ET1.00, 122.80, 17.70, 23.50. DF: £15.00. CSF: £36.65. Imin 13.0ts. Sola 16.500gns to Col D Pudney.
2.35 ASTON LIPTHORPE YORKSHIRE OAKS (Group I: 3-Y-O files; £75.422. Tm 41)

HELLENC b / Darshaen - Grecian Sea (Lord Wenstock) 9-0 W Carson (100-30) 30)
Kartajuna b f Shernazar - Karamita (Aga Khan) 9-0 W R Swenburn (15-8 fav) 2.
Wraid ca f Northern Dancar - Dehlia (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 C Asmusaen 17-21

ALSO RAN: 5 Game Plan (8th), 15-2 Crusung Height (4th), 33 Ruby Tager (8th), 6 ran, 1 1/4, nd, 61, sh hd, 101 M Stoute at Newmarket, Tose 23,90, 51,80, 21,770, DF: 23,70, CSF: £9,49, 2min 28 14 sec. After stewarts' enquiry, the result stands.
3.10 (1m 60) 1, FURTHER FLIGHT (M Hills, 7-1 p-law, Michael Seeby's map); 2, Bean King (S Cauthen, 20-1); 3, Holy Zeal (M Birch, 10-1); 4, First Victory (J Reid, 10-1); ALSO RAN: 7 p-law Star Lord, 10 Tranglot (5th), 12 Neshid, Off The Record, 13 Local Derby, 14 Roll A Dollar, 16 Cambo, Netzawa, 18 Barnsh (6th), 20 Loran's Courage, 25 Lingae West, 33 Horn Darce, Opera Ghost, Hot Rumour, 50 Pentry Forum, Folk Dance, 100 Seone Fiske, 22 ren. 134, 24, 134, 31, 245, 8 Helis at Manton, Tota: 11.80; 52.70, 53.80, 53.00, £3.40, Der £183.70, CSF: £130.50. Thicast £1,501.29, 2mm 55,04sec. 3.45 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GMCRACK STAKES (Group II: 2-Y-O cols 8 getungs: £48,854: 61)

AUSTAHID on e Woodman - Meamerize (Hamdan Al-Makboum) 9-3 W Carson (1-2 Izv) Vintage Chily b c Sayl B Arab - Bias (H Leernam Ltd) 9-0 M Birch (14-1) 2. Mystiko gr c Secreto - Caracciola (Dówsger Lady Beaverbrook) 9-0 M Roberts (8-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Regal Sabre (4th), 23 Astenx (5th), 5 ran. 4J, 25J, nk, 7J, R Armstrong at Newmarket, Toss. E1 40; E1.20, E2.80. DF: E5.30. CSF: £6.80. Imm 10.55sec.

Imm 10.55ee.
4.15 (?m 10) I. NED'S AURA (J. Reid. 12-1); 2. Lord Of Tubmore (M Hills. 13-2); 1-2; 2. Mellottle (J. Cove. 9-1); 4. Patantel Style (S. Webster, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2; 1-1av Hard As Iron, Loss Imnocence. 9 Karazan, 10-1 Line Of Vision (6m). 11 Rosente Logos, Rotleson. 12 Gran Alba. 14 Oswin Success (5th), 16 Azzaam. 20 Charmagne Gold. Eire Lager-Sceal, 33 Melancolla. 18 rat. NR: Al Peace. 31, 11, nx, 13-1, 31. R. Whittaker at Weitherby, Total: 214, 70; 12-90. E. 180, 22-00, 22 10. DE: 553 10. CSF: 285.50. Tricast 1589.43. 1min 50.175ec.
4.45 (5) 1, MILJADIL (W Carson, 5-4) A45 (5) 1, MILIADIL (W Carson, 5-4 fav); 2, Sir Harry Handstian (Dean McKeown, 6-1); 3, Poets Cove (J Resd. 6-1); ALSO PAN; 5 Siken Seised, 6 Grey Roostey (6th), 14 Rogal Crest (4th), 25 Athenian King (5th), 7 ran, 251, 11, 3; 11, 3; 13, R. R. Armstrond at Measurantee Trans

nc. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Total 22.10: £1.50, 22.30. DF: £5.10. CSF: £10.56, 58.82sac.

5.15 (5f) 1. SILVER SINGBIG (R. Cochrana, 5-1 fav); 2, Bold Lez (R. Fox, 12-1); 3, Re'a (R. Hrifls, 7-1); 4, Please Beileve Me (M. Binch, 12-1); ALSO RAN: 6 Nazela (6th), 8 Lyndseylae, 9 Kabes Frist, 11 Macs Manaranee, 14 Love Returned, Real Stunner, 16 Vicaroy, Var Lady, Eager Deva, 20 Benween Tire Stocks (ur), Wends, 25 Sip.A. Snip (5th), 33 Another Lane, 17 ran, 191, Ind, 31 hd, 11, 11. I Balding at Kingsciere. Tote: 55.60; E1.90, 52.00, DF: £42.20, DF: £42.20, DF: £42.20, DF: £42.20, DF: £42.20, DF: £64.14. Tricast: £403.17.

Jackpot: £23,289.50. (Paul of £23,604.26 carried over to York today). cepot: £64.70.

Yarmouth

Going: good to firm (back streight, firm) George good to farm (back streight, farm)
220 (1m 5l) 1, MERESHEIS (Lydie
Pearce, 5-2 (t-fav); 2, Carthos (Elisane
Bronson, 5-2 (t-fav); 3, Tormeric (Metame
Morley, 11-2), ALSO RAN 5 Angelsce Park
(4th), 7 Lady Westgaze (5th), 14 Sin, 66
Dzet (5th), 7 ran, 8t, %, 15, 12), 1%, J
Pearce at Newmertest. Tote: £2,70, £1,40,
£2,00, DF: £3,10, CSF: £8,42.

2.50 (5/ 25yds) 1, MIDNIGHT LASS (L. Dettoh, 13-8 fav), 2. Furiella (Ron Hills, 8-1); 3, Fair Resson (Julie Bowker, 33-1), ALSO RAN: 5 Monohaus Surprese, 13-2 Cool Coquelin (6m), 7 Ruby Jayne, 9 Stately March, 25 Sevent Desire (4m), 33 Spirmeyover, Green's Modeon (5m), Top Tarn, 11 ran MR Goody Four Shoes, Just Virginia, Sweet Sharpo shind, 31, 31, 25-1, 31, J Berry at 2ockerham, Toto: 22-30; 21:10, 22-30, ELBO, DF: 213-80. CSF: 213-83.

320 (7f) 1, ANNABELLE ROYALE (L. Descr., 9-2 fav.; 2, Royal Acclaim (K. Russer, 7-1; 3, Le Belle Vie (G. Carter, 15-2); 4, Amber Mactar (T. Wilterns, 8-1); ALSO RAN: 5 Corron Half, 15-2 La Bambe (6th), 8 Bill Moon, 12 Taylors Prince (5th), Kawwas, Marden Belder, 14 Gondo, Sectric Rose, 16 Meuropa Vision B (3 B 11 S. Whatworth), 20-1 Vicanous Prince (3 7 P. N. Carriste), Singing Gold, Sasie, 16 ran. nk, 51, 24, 34, Ind. Mrs. N. Macquilley at Melton Moworay, Totes: (2 A3), 21-50, 21,70, 22 10, 22 10, DF: 210,40, CSF: 24130, Tricast 2228.52

3.55 (6f) 1, CENTERLAND (G Husband, 1-3 fav; 2, Weve Master (L Detron, 5-2), 2 ran. NR. Hana Mene. 10). M Mouberek at Newmarket. Tote. £1.20.

4.25 (7f) 1, OCEAN AIR (W Ryan, 4-1); 2, Glostemp (B Raymond, 5-1); 3, Border Mane (L Dettori, 6-4 fev), ALSO RAN: 100-30 Quetiz, 16 Thunder Bug (4m), 20 Bdoore (6th), 25 Gentle Melody, Nao Faz Mai (5th), 50 Carrigans Gris, Survey, 10 ran, 16, 21, 11, hd, 1141. H Cach at Newment L Tote: 25.80; \$1.40, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £22.80, CSF: £25.75.

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4.55 (1m) 1, ZAMMAH (K Rutter, 5-2t, 2, Haroon (J Weaver, 10-1); 3, Polomez Prime (I. Newton, 9-1), ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Case For The Crown (4rn, 12 Big idea, 14 Turkish Star (5th), 25 May Be Bold (8th), 7 ran, 1, 11, 3, hd, 8, P Walwyn at Lambourn, Tote: 23,00; 22,00, 24,20, DF: 210,40, CSF: E23,51. \$10.40, CSF: £23.51.

\$.25 (1m 3: 110yd) 1. THIMBALINA (N Kemedy, 7-1): 2. Skazka (S O'Gorman, 6-1), 3. Bomiy Rosa (I. Newton, 40-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Proto Call, 9-2 Taylors Realm (5th), 5 Ma Filha (4th), 7 Golden Tressury (6th), 9 Tara's Celeght, 12 Snuggle, 20 Kovalevska, 10 ran. 5h hd, 1'41, 1'81, 1'41, 2'91, S Noron at Barrisley. Totle: £7 00: £2 10, £3.00, £11.00. DF: £48.60. CSF: £46.19, Tricast: £1,433.35. Placecot: £22.00.

Fontwell Park

oing: firm 1.30 (2m 2f hdie) 1. Lucky Cek (M Hoad, 2.0 (2m 2f hole) 1, Kety Lou (Date McKsown, 11-1); 2, Solstne Bell (6-1); 3, Strike A Chord (6-2). Figinary Days 12-8 fav 5 ran shind, 4! Miss B Sanders, Tote: 25 10; £2.10, £2.20, DF: £17.20, CSF; £39.14.

Undergraduare.
3.0 (2m 21 hdle) 1, Selsson Prince (Dale McKeown, 7-4), 2, Thrig Park (8-11 lav), 3, Snowdown (6-1) 5 ran. 21, decl. Miss E Sanders of Epsom Toes: E2-90; £1-40, £1-40, DF: £1-70, CSF: £3-47.

3.30 (2m 2f 110)d ch) 1, Media Leader (G McCourt, 4-5 (av), 2, Smart Stave (5-2); 3, Wormy Light (9-1), 6 ran, NR: Con-naught Cleaners, dist, 31, R Hodges, Total £1 80; £1.40, £1.40, DF: £2.80, CSF: £3.35.

4.9 (2m 2f hole) 1, Spotforth (S Smith Eccles, 1-3 lart; 2, Sandsumo (11-2); 3, Nicomi (11-2), 7 ran, 41, 12; G Pritchlard-Gordon, Tote: £1.40; £1.20, £2.10. DF: £2.30, CSF: £3.32. Placepot: £27.50.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Racecali Gold Trophy, Redcar: Cawanarga, Laurent-Parner Champagne Stakes, Doncaster: Exposive Speed All engagements (dead): Tsuga Forest, Grey Gobtin, Price Of Peace, Wally's Folly.



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South African cricket sees light at the end of the tunnel as the SACU and SACB agree to meet after 14 years of mutual distrust

Durban peace talks to up the pace of unification process

South African cricket under the players would be paid. one controlling body comes next month when the South African Cricket Union (SACU) and the non-white South African Cricket Board (SACB) are to hold prelimi-

nary talks about merging. It will be the first constructive contact the two organisations have had in 14 years of inimical co-existence, and has the unanimous support of

African National Congress. Every aspect of South African cricket's future will be discussed when the two par-September 8 for a meeting which could have crucial implications for international

For the English game, one offshoot is that Mike Gatting and the other members of last winter's unauthorised English team will not be returning to

SACU, expected to hear later this month whether they had to return to South Africa to coach this winter. The SACU

A SIGNIFICANT break- has always said they would through in moves to unify honour the contracts and that

Although any question of a second tour was ruled out long ago, it was on the cards the players might have had to help coach in the black townships.

Once again, however, what was always an ill-advised venspeed with which political events have happened in South Africa. The names of Gatting and his players reboth sets of officials and the main widely synonymous with civil unrest and racial

Only recently, the SACU, conscious of the new climate ties get together in Durban on as a start is made to dismantle apartheid, has firmly dissuaded several provinces from approaching members of Gatting's team to play for

The new wave of inter-tribal judicious for the English players to return, and the SACU

declined to make any com- administrators fulfil their ment about Gatting and his ambition.

firmed that the meeting with the SACB had been arranged.

Bacher's personal view was that the negotiations would succeed and that it was possible the country's cricket administration could be restructured by the end of December, which is midway ture has been overtaken by the through the South African Asked if he would keep the

International Cricket Council informed of developments, he said: "At the moment, South Africa's international future is the furthest thing from our minds. What is more important than anything else is to get our cricket in this country properly organised, with equal opportunities for all and with everybody shar-ing the sponsorships and facil-

ities available." This was the original aim unrest has made it even more when the SACU came into certain that it would be in- being in 1976-77 to govern when the SACU came into the republic in any capacity.
Gatting and his players, who signed two-year contracts

disruption of the delicate mainly for Indians and disruption cricket of all races but, within negotiations with the SACB.

Dr Ali Bacher, the managing director of the SACU, all sports could see cricket

Glamorgan unable to make capital

struggle against a varied Sri Lankan attack and despite a fine opening partnership of 53 be-tween Stephen James and Hugh Morris, who included saven Morris, who included seven fours in his 3", they could never capitalise at Ebbw Vale.

The combination of a switch of ends by Graeme Labrooy and the return of heavy cloud saw Glamorgan's fortunes change. Morris was caught behind by Hashan Tillekeratne off Labrooy for 3" and Tony Cottee fell to Kapila Wijegunawardena lbw without scoring.
Labrooy made good use of the heavy conditions and after Mat-

thew Maynard had hit four fours in a brisk 20 he was brilliantly caught at midwicket by Marvin

Geoff Holmes was soon to RCB Croft Larrow 20 follow caught off his glove by MA GATHOMY CATEGORY Whenings 12 Sanath Jayusuri without scor- \$1 Watkin low b Ramanayake 1

Dale was bowled by the leftarm spin of 19-year-old Prival Wijetunga for 36. James's in-

nings ended when he was caught by Roshan Mahanama for 47 and Glamorgan's troubles continued when Croft was bowled middle stump by Lebrooy for 20 leaving them struggling 194 for seven.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

BOWLING: Labrooy 21-2-97-5; Ramanayake 14-1-61-1; W.egunawardena 13-2-30-2; Wijet 246-40-2 SRI LANKANS: First Innii Vahanama low b Anthony

Total (T witt) FALL OF WICKET: 1-21. Umpires: M J Harns and R Palmer

• Sussex are releasing two bowlers. Andy Clarke, the leg spinner, and Andy Babington. the medium pacer. Clarke, aged 28, gave up a career in local government three years ago; Babington has played in only three first-class matches this

From Mr David Gullick

I contain myself no longer.

the track. During this splendid

summer I have been puzzled

that, as often as not, there is not

a player in sight. When there are

players to be seen, it may be no

more than one or two ladies

foursomes. What I report is, I

am sure, not exclusive to Potters

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Graham Gooch. "an old pro": a cool and calculating batsman who could endlessly wait for a us are watching such a positive

India's problems begin with
the form of Sidhu, the opener.
Having scored centuries against
the counties, he has failed BBC World Service in Hindi.

Return to a happy

hunting ground

Tendulkar's feats

bring balm to

troubled country

INDIA may not have the con-noisseurs of classical cricket, but it has the masses who pas-sionately follow the progress of their cricketers. Their little hero.

sionately follow the progress of their cricketers. Their little hero. Sachin Tendulkar, has helped to stylish 127 against Surrey, stylish 127 against Surrey.

minority government was about to collapse and now, as a result of the Gulf Crisis, their econ-

omy is on the brink of ruin. Amid these agonies, Tendulkar saved India from the torments

The Test series is not being

televised in India, as the govern-ment could not afford the fee

demanded by the TCCB. Had the last day of the Old Trafford Test match been telecast, the eternal gossips of idle housewives would have been abandoned and the government officer and character of the traffic traffic

offices and classrooms deserted.
Many Indians believe that
their captain, Azharuddin,
threw away the Lord's Test by
inviting Graham Gooch to bat
first and at Old Trafford, despite
his scintillating 179 in the first
innings, he remained true to his
form artily described as "olori-

form, aptly described as "glori-ous irresponsibility". Tendulkar's world has, bow-ever, changed completely. From

an impetuous "boy wonder", he has become, in the words of

Graham Gooch, "an old pro": a cool and calculating batsman

loose delivery.

As for the bowling, Kapil Dev

seems to have lost heart and

Prabhakar is not a Test-class bowler. Atul Wasson, who

strengthened his claim by taking

strengthened his chaim by taking six. Glamorgan wickets, and Anil kumble, a fastish leg break bowler in the mould of Chandrasekhar, are nevertheless the only bowlers disputing a place. Though form would favour Wasson, history is on the side of Kumble. At the Oval in 1971. Chandrasekhar, simple

1971. Chandrasekhar sin handedly gave India her first Test victory in England.

Despite some doubtful de-cisions at Old Trafford, the umpires, Holder and Hamp-

shire, survived on the reputation they carned as neutral umpires for India's tour to Pakistan. The Indian officials

made no protest, not even for the tactical purpose of putting

on pressure for this Test. Madhay Mantri, the tour man-

ager, said: "I have played enough cricket and I know

umpires commit genuine mistakes.

THE Oval, where the third and

THE Oval, where the third and final Test match starts today, will always bold a special place in Iadia's history. It was there, 19 years ago tomorrow, that they won a Test, and a series, in England for the first time.

The only member of the present tour party to have played in the 1971 match was Bishen Bedi, the manager, who was twice hit for six into the pavilion by Jameson. The match-winner was the wristspinner, Chandrasekhar, who took six for 38 as England were dismissed for 101 in the second innings. India batted for more than 100 overs for 173 to win.

On their next visit to the

than 100 overs for 173 to win.
On their next visit to the ground in 1979, India, who had been set 438, would have woo again had not Brearley, the England captain, ruthlessly slowed down the over-rate and then broken Gavaskan's concen-

tration with an unnecessary drinks interval near the end. Gavaskar was out for 221 and ludia finished nine runs short. England have not beaten In-dia there since 1959, although in seven Oval Tests they have won twice to India's once. Rain ruined two matches, including the one in 1952 to the great relief of India, who had lost their first first wighter for a lost their first first the relief of India, who had lost their first first wighter for a lost their first first wighter for the relief of the relie five wickets for six runs.

Gavaskar is not the only batsman in these matches to have taken advantage of the Ovat's traditionally excellent pitches. Hammond and Botham have both hit double centuries, Botham's in 1982 being the fastest in a Test in terms of balls received (219). By putting a hole in the pavision roof with one straight six off Doshi, he also improved on Jameson's feat. England's batsmen cannot say they have nothing to aim at.

SPORTS LETTERS

Bisham scheme unwelcome

From Mr Eric Brevies From Mr Eric Browles

Sir. You report (August 21) yet another shameful proposal for the area enticing people into further development, "marketing and commercial use of plans train."

buildings nearby, is one of our finest listed buildings. It repre-sents more than 500 years of English history since the Knights Templar, Crusaders, and every ruler since Edward II have owned or visited it.

Elizabeth I stayed there in 1592, and Queen Elizabeth II knows it well. Any further commercial use should not be permitted within sight of this beautiful place; the "pursuit of excellence" in sport has gone far enough.

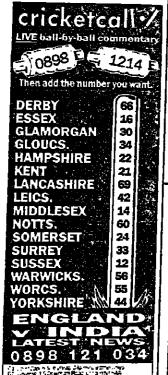
I invite others to join with me to prevent the ravishing for profit of this great heritage. I am. yours truly. ERIC A. S. BROOKS, 16b Grenfell Road.

Maidenhead, Berkshire. From Mr R. A. Lightbown Sir. It was with interest that ! read John Goodbody's article (August 21), "Bisham enters an enterprising era". The article

quotes Mr Huckstep, the new Marlow, Buckinghamshire. Poor treatment

From Mr Colin Kitching Sir. Admitting my local interest. I maintain that John Morris was poorly treated during the first two Tests against India.

In both matches it was important for the selectors to find out whether Morris could play a substantial innings at the high-est level. In the Lord's Test his only opportunity came in the second innings. England had runs galore in the bank: the class of Gower. Lamb and Smith was well known: surely Morris would be given his chance and



Bisham: 'Train where the Olym-

I can accept that the nine-hole We have suffered too much golf course, which can be more already in the damage to the accurately described as a pitch Abbey, which, with the other and putt course, may be of some attraction, as may be the squash and tennis facilities. Local clubs do, of course, use the excellent artificial pitches for hockey and

football, However, for other locals and especially local sportsmen the facilities on offer are distinctly mediocre. The fitness suite at Bisham, which is primarily a weights room with various other cardio-vascular apparatus, is way below what serious-minded sportsmen would describe as

adeousie The Marlow area is heavily populated with local sports clubs, but the facilities Bisham do not make it an attractive venue at which to train. Before it can compete it must match and then better the facilities on offer at other local

Yours faithfully.
ANDREW LIGHTBOWN, Little Westerns. West Street.

sent in at three, four or five. But no - the official order stood.
As for the Old Trafford Test Morris batted at six in the first innings when he could reasonably have gone in at, say, four, with 292 for two on the board. Come the second innings I felt

sure that, with a lead of 87, Gooch would put Morris in carly. Again the same lack of imagination: the wretched Morwhich time quick runs were needed. Why this extraordinary reluctance to see what the man

ours faithfully. OLIN KITCHING, 4 Chestnut Way.

On the right track

Sir. I have good news for David Turner (Sports Letters, August

ADRIAN METCALFE

Not only does Eurosport cover every major (and most minor) athletics event and at greater length live than other Middlesex.

Essex. channels but we follow the action, not the personalities.

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Proper lessons for schoolboys Chance to cut

Better use of From the headmaster of North-amptonshire Grammar School of the bowler's suspension.

Sir. As the 17-year-old TenThe players, I was pleased to
The from Mr Peter Coni, QC dulkar approached his maiden Sir. As I am only a viewer, not a player of golf. I have been so far inhibited in joining the corres-Test century, the television commentators were surely right to draw to the attention of pondence about the shortage of, and need for, more courses. But the many instances of his exemplary skill. It is however un-On fairly frequent rail jourfortunate that those same schoolboys should also have nevs to Kings Cross, travelling midday (being retired). I ob-serve much of the extent of the received lessons from them in some of the less seemly aspects course at Potters Bar, alongside

of contemporary professional Time-wasting may well be a common means of avoiding defeat, but need the opinion that bit of gardening" between deliveries be advocated in such a matter of fact way: and when a bowler has been "spoken to" for running on the wicket, is it right to suggest that in the closin overs he might again risk the umpire's displeasure, since at that late stage of the game the

seems crazy to me that on the

most exciting last day - which as of now is Tuesday - the

ground is near enough empty.

Don't they know that a lot of

folk take their week's holiday to see the Tests, and they re back at

work on the last two days.

Gomshall Gardens,

From Mr Jonathan Kirsop

Hat-trick of lions

Sir. Mr Richard Worrall wrote

Yours sincerely, PAUL HAGAN.

Kenley, Surrey.

sufficient senior citizens (or during holidays, youngsters) who would be prepared to accept playing rights during limited hours, if the cost were not prohibitive. And surely it would be in the interests of the Changing the days club to fix such charge at a nonprohibitive level. As it is, a not inexpensive facility is entirely From Mr Paul Hagan Sir. Why don't the cricketing non-productive for most hours authorities play the five-day Tests from Monday to Saturday, with the rest day on Thursday. It

Yours faithfully, DAVID GULLICK, Welwyn, Hertfordshire.

Opposite meaning

From Mr M. Y. Watson Sir. "He's left himself a long putt," said the golf commentator, "but he sank one just as long a few holes back. So I wouldn't be surprised if didn't hole this one."

We all understood him, though a moment's thought will show that what he said was the exact opposite of what he

Funny language, English, Yours faithfully, M. Y. WATSON. 3 Saxon Way.

(August 16) that the single

rampant lion of the TCCB was worn on the breast and cap of the English players. Last time I looked at an English Test player's cap there were three lions with a crown above them (the traditional emblem). The TCCB's lion fea-

tures only on players' shirts. JONATHAN KIRSOP. 3 Clark Road, Edinburgh,

Flow interrupted From Mr R. G. Morgan

Sir. Peter Barnard ("Deep rumblings in the basement", August 7) complains of television switches between cricket and Ascot at crucial moments. That is bad enough but worse is BBC2's obsession with hourly news bulletins during the week

regardless of the state of the golf, the cricket or the racing. Not only does it interrupt the flow of the sport it is so deadly boring having the same news and weather rammed down one's throat every hour. Who are the viewers so desperate for news and why, if so keen, do they not use radios? Yours faithfully

The players, I was pleased to see, took neither course of action: so let's have more lessons for the schoolboys on how to beat the other team of players: watching schoolboy cricketers and none on how to outwit the umpires.

> MALCOLM TOZER, Headmaster. Northamptonshire Grammar School. Pitsford Hall, Pitsford.

Yours faithfully.

From Mr S. C. Devani Sir. Does not the law of the land prohibit the giving of an alco-holic drink as a prize or gift to an under-age person? Should then Tendulkar have received a bottle of champagne, as man of the match in the Old Trafford Test? S. C. DEVANI.

139 Camrose Avenue, that late stage of the game the Edgware, potential gain of a wicket or two Middlesex.

Pair of spectacles From Mr Wilfrid Miron Sir. Amid the welter of record run-scoring in the current Test

match series, one other record may be overlooked. At Old Trafford leg spinners operated in tandem, one at each end. This was a rare enough event but when both are be-spectacled — Hirwani and Kumble — surely this is unique. Yours truly,

WILFRID MIRON. School Lane Nottinghamshire

Good introduction From Mr Frank E. Ong

Sir. I have during a long career in physical education been eciative of the part games and competition can play in full evelopment of the minds and bodies of our youth, and am convinced that tennis should play a much more prominent part in the activities on offer in our schools. As the LTA registered tennis

coach who started the shorttennis pilot scheme in Norfolk, I am well aware what a splendid introduction it is to the ball and racket skills eventually required to enjoy the major game. Many first and middle schools introduce the game, often at the age of five. For many, five to eight years will pass until they reach high schools where tennis court facilities are available or avoid. the individuals themselves have reached the stage in their physical development which will make the enjoyment of the major game possible.

I believe that the provision of the game of midi-tennis, especially in middle schools. would provide a natural progression (as in the case of most major sports) without the necessity of very advanced technical coaching. This provision could be made available as the normal netball court, which most middle schools have, could accommodate three of these courts

Sir, David Miller's report (Au-

gust 11) that the president of the IOC may be supporting Athens as the venue for the 1996 Olympics ignores the one strong argument in favour of that venue. The technical problems of Athens are indeed very great. but to stage the centenary modern Olympic Games in Athens surely offers the IOC what is probably the only chance remaining to them of cutting out the circus of Disneyland razz-matazz now considered an

indispensible part of the Games. For example, an opening cere-mony that was short, simple and relevant could replace hours of spectacle" aimed not at the athletes but at a world television audience. Who knows, we might even enjoy an Olympic Games which is not marketed by means of a cuddly toy purporting to be the emblem of the host country.

The Games are now so extensive, and the cost of providing the necessary facilities so huge, that it is difficult for the IOC to make any change which might reduce its income from television; and the show-business presentation frills are presumably designed to increase television audience ratings world-wide. If Athens, relying simply on its unique history, offers ar Olympics owing nothing to Hollywood, the president of the IOC may think the technical problems a price worth paying for the sake of the future of the Games. Yours etc., PETER CONI,

using the slower outsize short tennis ball and larger but strung

Schoolchildren are great imitators and would soon be seen to be using angles, the normal rules, drop shots, lobs, technically well-produced overhead services and above all playing doubles (a form of the game currently neglected) with what is even more important, enjoy-

This state of affairs would counteract the boredom of having nothing else but short tennis on offer over a period of years, a fact which tends to result in a wastage of talent. Many youngsters lose interest in the game. often seeing the privileged few competing at a standard of play few can reach, and being subject to pressure from parents and coaches they would wish to

Let us try to return to the days when enjoyment of sport and participation by many was the order of the day. A process of natural development which assisted in retaining interest throughout the vital teenage years (Fred Perry didn't start until he was 17) would avoid early injury and "burnt out" Yours faithfulk FRANK E. ONG.

Norwich Sports Council. Midgard, 37 Queens Road, Hethersett, Norwich, Norfolk.

EQUESTRIANISM

Skelton's chances. given timely boost

By Jenny MacArthur

NICK Skelion, who attempts a consistently placed and Dublin fourth successive win in the Silk Cut Derby at Hickstead on last month where he again won the grand prix. unday, and the third on Alan Paul Apollo, has boosted his chances by borrowing John Whitaker's proven Derby borse, David Broome, who dislikes the Derby course, could nevertheless prove one of Skelton's main rivals for the £30,000 first Hopscotch, as his second string. Although the 15-year-old Apollo: Hickstead's answer to prize. Broome has not competed in the Derby for four years but decided to "give it a go". He said: "I'm not a great liker of the Red Rum, will be his best hope - he won in 1988 and 1989 and Hickstead course, it's too demanding and the bank is too was second in 1984 - Hop-scotch, a runner-up in 1988, steep for what it's meant to be. should prove a reliable second horse. Whitaker, who is compet-It's also a long way round." ing in Luxembourg this week-

Despite his misgivings, both his horses have already proved themselves over other Derby courses. Countryman won the Millstreet Derby in Ireland last month. Lannegan also won Millstreet two years ago and the Welsh Derby last year. Michael Whitaker has two

powerful contenders in Hender-son Monsanta and Henderson Tees Hanauer. The latter, who was fifth in the Rotterdam grand prix last week, was equal fourth last year. Other British entries include Robert and Harvey Smith, who is seeking an elusive fifth win, and Joe Turi and Vital who were equal fourth last year and equal second the previous year. Philip Heffer, third last year with Viewpoint, will only year with viewpoint, will only compete in the speed classes. John Ledinham, of Ireland, the winner in 1984, heads a foreign entry which is depleted because many of the top horses are still resting after Stockholm. The resting after Stockhoum, the Olympic three-day event champion, Mark Todd, from New Zealand, is also hoping to make his first attempt at the Derby, on Double Take, if he qualifies in tomorrow's trial. A maximum of 38 can start on Sunday.

later that month where he was A split second decides it for Irish club By a Correspondent

end, decided to miss Hickstead

this year because he does not

have two horses for the Derby. In recognition of the Derby

thirtieth anniversary, and the skills required to complete the

course successfully, the sponsors are offering record prize-money this year of £90,000, making it the richest show jumping event in Europe. It is also the toughest.

The 16-fence course, which includes the notorious Devil's

Dyke and Hickstead Bank with

its 10ft 6in drop, has produced

A £5,000 bonus if the winner

completes two clear rounds is also on offer. So far, the bonus,

introduced in 1984, has re-mained unclaimed. Skelton won

last year after collecting four faults in a three horse jump-off. In 1988 he won outright with the

The Dutch-bred Apollo.

owned by Linda Jones, has been specifically programmed for the Derby and has had just four

outings this year. Rome in May

Hickstead in June where he won

the £20,000 grand prix. Aachen

where he won two cla

just 27 clear rounds.

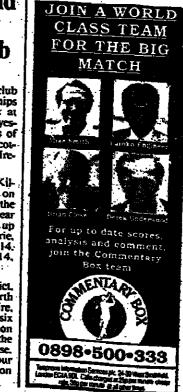
only clear round.

THE Pedigree Chum pony club show jumping championships reached an exciting climax at Weston Park, near Shifnai, yesterday. A total of 29 teams of our riders from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Inc-

land participated.

The Warrington, from Kilkenny, in Northern Ireland, on their first sortie to their first sortie to the championships, jumped clear throughout. They were made up of the Moloney family. Marie, aged 16, Ellie, 12, and Eddie, 14, with Brian Sheehan, 14, completing the squad.

The Furness and District from Yorkshire, and the Garth South A team, from Berkshire, both achieved a total of six clears to force the Warrington into a jump-off. Against the clock, over a shortened course. all three teams finished on four faults, with the Warrington winning on time, by 0.04sec



MONEY means nothing to but, to the annoyance of the the leading professional golf- German federation and ers these days. They have so Volvo, he is being paid by ICI much of it that it is coming out Germany as, they said, "part of their grips, and it is not of a corporate contract.

necessarily enough to wave Langer said he would have wads of notes under their found it very difficult to play noses if you want them in your without appearance money However, they still like to found it a little difficult to be paid to play, as the Volvo spurn his national champ-German Open, which starts at

ionship if the anti-payment Hubbelrath, near Düsseldorf line had held firm? today, discovered. The organisers decided not to pay The federation was not best pleased and Mel Pyatt, of Lyle received, or will be Volvo, said: "We are receiving, a little more attenappearance money to individuals, instead topping up the prize fund to a substantial £500,000, second only to the against appearance money Open Championship. and we are very disappointed the top players are not here, in They have attracted 14 of the 20 leading players in the order of ment, but the followview of our commitment to raising standards on the tour for all our professional members." ing names are missing, for one

share lead

By a Correspondent

VICKY Thomas, the Curtis Cup

stalwart, posted a one-under-par 72 to share the first-round lead of the British women's

strokeplay tournament at

Carlson, of Denmark, and Laura

Navarro, of Spain. The five-times Welsh cham-

pion, who was only one of two to win her Curtis Cup singles at

Summerhills last month, started her bid for a place on the three-strong British team for the

Another experienced veteran, Hourihane, of Blairgowrie, the former Curtis Cup player, put the disappointment of not being

selected for this year's Curtis Cup behind her to produce four

birdies in her 72. Hourihane, aged 32, the 1986

champion, attributed her good game to "hitting irons on to the

a 69 if I had capitalised on the

several birdie chances I

Carlson, a full-time amateur golfer, aged 25, benefited from the coaching of Claire Waites,

the English professional, to produce an eagle at the 17th. A good

drive and a nine-iron to 130

yards, from where it bounced in.

helped to earn her a share of the

Davies happy

chasing first

win of season

eight more chances to win this

helped Davies share third place

in the British Open at Woburn and finish seventh in the Ger-

man Open two weeks ago in Munich. She is paired with

Liselotte Neumann and Helen

Kathryn Imrie, a member of

Great Britain and Ireland's Curtis Cup team last month, is

making her debut as a pro-

fessional and plays the opening two rounds in the company of

two other Scots, Dale Reid and

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pondent writes).

missed." she said.

committee is already looking into the whole, rather messy, subject of appearance money.

Schofield, however, did point out that there were valid reasons for some of the absences. Faldo would have been at the World Series of Golf in Akron, Ohio, with Olazábal, had he not been injured. Woosnam has been playing in Japan, and Ballesteros is at home with his new baby, who arrived early,

maintaining our stance tion, however. "His absence needs to be looked at closely," Schofield said, "We have accommodated his many releases for America and

ing names are missing, for one reason or another. Nick Faldo, Ronan Rafferty, Ian Woosnam, José-Maria Olazabal, Seve Ballesteros, and Sandy Lyle, who is not in the top 20 now but is still a draw.

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Bernhard Langer is playing Sand Pattern Course in his last three events course in his Of course, having stayed the course in his last three events

Youth and Pauls sweep in as experience family favourites

By JOHN HENNESSY

NIGEL Paul and his daughter, Jenny, emerged as the family favourites at Burhill yesterday. The lowest handicapped pair in the competition (he is off 2, she, 4), they had two victories in the Family Foursomes, in spite of giving four shots to the Cunlifies, of Stoke Poges, and five to John London and his daughter, Claire Coventry, of Banstead Downs.

The Pauls took an apparent Strathaven yesterday.
Thomas, a Welsh international, aged 35, was part of a four-way tie with Claire Hourihane, of Ireland, Pernille

The Pauls took an apparent stranglehold of their third round match by winning three of the first four holes. Giving a stroke at the first, they opened with a rare birdie, Nigel responding to his daughter's superb tee-shot with a five-iron to eight feet and the holizathe area.

women's world amateur team championships in fine style. "It was nothing exciting," she said of her card of three birdies and two bogeys. "I hardly missed a fairway, hit all the greens, and finished off well." with a five-iron to eight feet and she holing the putt.

Paul, put his daughter, aged 16, in deep rough at the short six, which allowed their opponents to get back to two down and London and Coventry had clawed their way back to all square by the turn. That, however, was as far as they could get.

The Pauls won the next two holes, with, particularly, a

tenth, where father hit the green with a one-iron and daughter holed a tramliner.

Their opponents won the 17th, in spite of a colossal tee shot by the daughter bounding forward to some 280 yards, but London and Coventry never looked like winning the 18th.

pursuit champion, was yes-terday eliminated in the quarter-

finals of the world championships in Maebashi,

Japan, by Dean Woods, of Australia, the man he beat to

take the title in his first season as

a professional last year.

Sturgess, suffering from an injured right calf muscle, which has required daily treatment for

the last three weeks, was sixth fastest in the qualifying round,

rastest in the qualifying round, seven seconds slower than the new professional from the Soviet Union, Vlatislav Ekimov, who recorded 5min 39.05sec for the 5.000 metres.

The quarter-final between Sturgess and Woods was virtually a non-race with the Australion withing its Soviet 45.07sec

and Sturgess trailing with a time of 5min 56.46sec. "Mentally, I was beaten before the race

Leicester professional who last

month won both the British track pursuit and road race

SQUASH

Walker is

aiming

for the top

ROTTERDAM — Chris Walk-er's emphatic 9-6, 9-4, 9-4 win over the top seed. Adrian Da-vies, of Wales, in the final of the

European closed championship will not have gone unnoticed by

the world's leading players tak-ing part in the Singapore Open

ing part in the Singapote Open (Colin McQuillan writes). Last year, Walker was already in Asia at this time, struggling to adjust to new rackets and deal-

ing with the aftermath of mis-

directed summer training

decisions. This year, he will join the world circuit, again in Malaysia, as European cham-pion, confident that a solid

summer of fitness work has been translated into match readiness.

"Winning here has provided practice under competitive con-

ditions and I know both my legs and my racket are quick enough for the circuit," Walker, aged 23

said yesterday. I am eighteenth on the world ranking list now

and I want to come back from Asia this time in the top 16. By

the end of the season I should be the end of the season I should be looking at the top eight."

On a lower level, Walker's undisguised thirst for success is echoed by Senga Macfie, aged

21, who unexpectedly domi-nated the women's European field. Unseeded and probably expected to follow her usual

uninhibited style, Macfie adopted a cloistered approach here which produced a level of

seen from her before.

The holders, Jean Lawson and her son, Patrick, departed in unfortunate circumstances. Giving three shots, they were taken to the 19th in the second round by Juliette Morgan and her son, Simon, whereupon Mrs Lawson, simon, whereupon Mrs Lawson, by an extraordinary aberration for such an experi-enced player, moved some brambles in taking up her stance. The Morgans then ad-vanced to the last 16 by beating the Bests, of the host club.

Mrs Lawson is playing in her 38th Burhill. She got to the final in 1966 with Simon's grand-father, only to be disqualified ever, was as far as they could get.

The Pauls won the next two holes, with, particularly, a spectacular two at the 209 yards

when two up by the discovery of a 15th club in her bag, placed there by an inattentive young son — Simon, of course.

RESULTS FROM BURHILL

N F Hudshile (Addington Palacia), 3 and 2 Mrs M Filley and A Palley (Rhemond) by that W Loyd and R Loyd (The Barkshire), 2 holes, Mrs P Raiph and J Raiph (Blesticrough) by Mrs P Pittigay and M Pricing (Samingdale), 20th, Mrs A Glibbs snd R Glibbs (Harpendan) by J F Doubleday and Mrs P C Guillier (Tandridga), 4 and 2; Mrs M D Petch and R Petch (Samsingdale) by Mrs H M G Pryor and M H Pryor (West Hall), 2 holes; Mrs P Robinson and 8 Robinson (Burthill) by Mrs M Politic and R Politic (Burhill), 3 and 1; Mrs J J Ross and 5 Politic (Burhill), 3 and 1; Mrs J Ross and 5 Robinson (Burthill) by Mrs B Gundry (Weston Heath), 2 and 1; Mrs J Waston and E W C Wallour (Royal Mid-Surrey) by Mrs E Alderson (Billingham), 4 and 2 P B Alder and Nies A W Alter (Woburn-Moortown) bt A Titoonib and Nies C Titoonib (Pittigham), 4 and 2 P B Alder and Nies A W Alter (Woburn-Moortown) bt A Titoonib and Nies C Titoonib (Pittigham), 4 and 2 P B Alder and Nies C Glibol and J Blok (Walton Heath) bt

Titoonb (Pittown), 4 and 3.

Mrs G Blok and J Blok (Watton Heath) bt
Mrs P Stovold and S Stovold (W Sarrey), 20th;
H Deene and Miss K Deene (Royal Audown
Forest) bt Mrs K Meyer and H Meyer (Royal
Ashdown Forest), 2 and 1; C P Massers and
Miss K M Mesters (W Sasses) bt Mrs J Robb
and N F Robb (Barbill), 6 and 4; Mrs J Tumer
and A Tumer (W Susses) bt P Burton and
Miss K Burton (Wintbladon Ph-Welton Heath),
4 and 3: Mrs J Cotton and R Cotton (St
George's Hill) bt P Croft and Miss S Croft
(Burtill), 4 and 3: Mrs J Tates and M Tate
(Royal Ashdown Forest) bt Mrs L Gibert and Navarro, the Spanish school-girl, aged only 16, collected a respectable two birdies and one bogey to end the first day as one of the leaders. of the leaders.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES: 72: C
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iPennard). L. Nevarro (Sp), P. Carlson
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(Chorley), J. Morley (Sale), M. Bergman
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(Aust). J. Moodie (Windyhat). A Arrul (Sp).
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Rose (Stirting). T Semuel (Carl). M.
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Tebbet (East Devon). J. Whitmersh
(Wheetley), C Smith (West Essex).

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(Presizer-Moor Hell), 3 and 1. Mrs E E Morgan and S Morgan (W Sussex-Bognor) bt Mrs J Lawson and P Lawson (Stonetwin-Hookley), 19th: Mrs S Strading and R Strading (Roshampton) bt Mrs S J

Newman and M A Newman (Coombe His-Banataed Cowns) bt Mrs L Sechiari and P Sechiari (Wohing), 3 and 2; J M R McKlasak and Mrs H L Ray (Royal Wimbledon-Royal Alid-Surrey) bt Mrs J Street and N J Street MAD-SUPPLY DI MATS J Street and N J Street
(Burthi-Burton), 1 hole: Mar A Sexton and C.
Weekee (Burthi-Royel Mid-Surrey) bt B
Rowen and Miles S Rowen (The Drift and
Wornlesdon), 4 and 8: Mits P Jardine and S
Jardine (Walson Heast) bt Mar J Scott-Maiden
and J N Scott-Maiden (Lestherheed-Dorking),
3 and 1; Mar J Thorne and J Thorne (Wolding)
bt Mar y V Dolton and H Dolton (Burthi), 1 hole:
Mar J Fox and N Fox (Burthi) in Mar G Challis
and N Challe (West Bytiest-Enfleid), 19th.

Bathgate, to a crushing 8 and 6

RESULTS: Foursones (Scottish names fruit: A J Collect (Thernhill) and G A Freser (Burnhilland) by D Bathgate (Sandhwey) and A Sandhweil (Denflord), 3 and 2: G Reddord (Murraysheil) and D Robertson (Cochrane) br I (Barbutt (Wheeley) and P Page (Derflord), 2 holes: S J Batherman (Crutien Bey) and M King (Shorts) bt J Payne (Sandlands) and P Setton (Camberley Heath), 2 and 1: R Russell (Longniddry) and G A Thomson (Eastwood) bt D Halmes (Burnham and Barrow) and Marken (Sandlands) and S Mackenzie (West Linton) bt J Bickerton (Drohwitch) and J Webber (Broedway), 5 and 4.

England's recovery is too late to stop defeat

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT UNABLE to recover from a 5-0 account for the England captain.

whitewash in the morning's James Payne. Thomson, aged foursomes, England suffered a 19, from Glasgow, subjected the 9-6 defeat at the hands of the new England senior cap, David STOCKHOLM - Nobody rel-Scots in the youths' inter- Bathgat national at Southerness yes- defeat. ishes a challenge more than
Laura Davies, who continues
her search for a first win of the
season in the £70,000 Stockholm Open championship. terday despite salvaging some lost pride with six wins out of ten in the final singles session.

Ian Garbutt, the new English which begins over the Haninge course today (a Special Corresamateur champion, from Wheatley, Yorkshire, led the recovery with a 3 and 1 win over the Scottish number No. 1, Andrew Coltart, in the leading Davies, a former British and US Open champion, has managed at least one European Tour victory since turning professional in 1985, a record of singles. Any hope the visitors held of avoiding their first defeat in the annual encounter which she is proud and deterin four years were dashed when Stuart Bannerman and Grant mined to extend.

A loss of confidence in the Thomson secured points for United States earlier this year is slowly disappearing. Davies said: "I am now having my best run of the year and there are still with the personnel of the year and there are still with the Scotland in the second and third

Bannerman, the pro-fessional's son from Cruden Bay, Aberdeen, who intends to turn professional bimself at the 12-under-par for her last five tournament rounds, which birdies in the first six holes to

Heault: Scotland 5, England 0.
Singles (Scotlish names first): Coltant lost Garrout, 3 and 1; Bannerman bt Bathgate, 2 and 1; Thomson bt Bathgate, 8 and 8; Hastle lost to Bickerton, 2 and 1; Mackerzie lost to Rokerton, 2 and 1; Mackerzie lost to Rokerton, 2 and 1; Mackerzie lost to Rokerton, 2 and 1; Radiord lost to Webber, 1 hole; Russell bt Dows, 3 and 2; Fraser lost to Page, 2 and 1; Radiord lost to Webber, 1 hole; Russell bt Dows, 3 and 2; Robertson bt Sandywell, 5 and 4; King lost to Selton, 4 and 3. Results Scotland, 4, England 6.

Three prove quality

the Golf Foundation age-group ladder was emphasised in the finals at Patshull Park when achievement in the under-15s. three of last year's winners won again (Dennis Shaw writes). and girl who won at under-14

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again (Leannis Shaw writes). Wadkins burdled three of the last thorpe. Northamptonshire, the 1989 under-15 champion, won the under-16 title while the boy the under-16 title while the boy water Challenge (AP reports). Matches played 18th August 1990 LITTLEWOODS POOLS, LIVERPOOL

THE quality of young player on the Golf Foundation age group ladder was emphasised in the Manor, Swindon — repeated the PORTLAND, Oregon: Bobby Wadkins birdied three of the last Playing in constant rain, they held off a challenge from Fred Couples and Lee Trevino to finish with a tournament record

The previous lowest score in the 36-hole, best-ball event was 19 under par, set by Paul Azinger and Bob Tway in 1988 and matched by Craig Stadler and Joey Sindelar last year. Couples and Trevino had a final round of 60, matching the 10 HOMES.....£155-20 tournament record for a single round set by the Wadkins in much better weather on Monday.Couples and Trevino led briefly before tying for second with the team of Greg Norman and Curtis Strange on

East German riding high in Japan



Setting the pace: Hubner on his way to winning the men's professional sprint title

Sturgess falls to Woods

COLIN Sturgess, Britain's defending world professional first world championships as a first world championships as a professional by winning the sprint title. Hubner, aged 31, who joined the professional ranks only in February, defeated the defending champion, Claudio Golinelli, of Italy, in a thrilling two-heat final. Stephen Pate, of Australia, the winner in 1988, took the bronze medal.

The fast-emerging Russian rider, Evgeni Berzin, deseated his compatriot. Valeri Baturo, to win the gold medal in the individual amateur pursuit. Bill Huck, of East Germany,

continued his impressive march towards his second straight amateur sprint gold with a quarter-final victory over Fabrice Colas, of France, Huck will race the Olympic silver medallist, Nikolai Kovsh, of the Soviet Union, in the semi-finals.

Kovsh beat Gary Neiwand to complete a nightmare 24 hours for the Commonwealth Games champion from Australia, who collided with a Japanese cyclist The powerful East German, Tuesday evening.

HESULTS: Men: Professional Rev-lan in-devidual pursuit qualitying (larses eight to quare-linals). 1. V Chimov (USSR). Snin 39.05sec. 2. F Moreau (Fr. 5:39.52; 3. D Woods (Aus), 5:41.95, 4. A De Las Cuevas (Fr.), 5:42.71; 5. S Walace (GB), 5:42.95, 6. Surgess (GB), 5:46.75, Quarter-finals: De Las Cuevas 5:43.65 of Walace 5:48.62; Woods 5:45.07 of Surgess 5:56.46; Moreau 5:37:40 overtook Davis (US); Eurory 5:44.07 overtook lipra (Japan). Amateur four-ten Individual pursuit: Pinal Perzn 4:33.015 bit Bauro 4:2572.3, McCarthy; 4, Hogg. (Thru and fourth places decided on semi-final times).

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Women's apride: Carperter-fissie (winner's time in seach race) over last 200 metres): F

(EG) 2-0 (12.088/12.298); C Young (US) bt G Enumma (USSR) 2-0 (11.902/12.147).

Second-division clubs' Soviet trip delayed

By KEITH MACKLIN

THE trip to the Soviet Union by
Leigh and Ryedale York has
been postponed until next May.
The second-division clubs were
scheduled to play a three-match
Ordnance are supporting series against selected clubs from the new Soviet Union rugby league in October, but the visit has been moved closer to next year's launch of the Soviets' first full professional championship.

British Coal Opencast yesterday announced a £100,000 three-year sponsorship deal with the British Amateur Rugby League Association. The money is primarily to sponsor the 24-team national amateur league, which will be known next season as the Opencast National League. However, some of the money will be observed the interval.

with Leeds.

RUGBY LEAGUE

A smaller sponsorship was announced for Chorley, the second-division club. Royal ordnance are supporting the club because their divisional headquarters is sited in the

Oldham have signed Norman Francis, the Leeds reserve wing, who was listed by the Yorkshite club at £35,000. Francis has played many first-team games

● Paul Hulme, the Widnes and Great Britain forward, is expected to be out of action for five weeks after sustaining a broken thumb in Sunday's win over Wigan in the Charity Shield. Hulme will see a special-

THE Soling sailors produced the

best British result at the Spa world championships here yesterday when Dave Tabb, crewed by Martin Borrett and William Watson, won the first race of the day.
Sailing in under ten knots of breeze, Tabb started cleanly and

played the left-hand side of the course before working his way back to the centre and into the lead. He then drew steadily away from the 66-strong fleet. In the slightly stronger breeze of the afternoon race, Tabb again showed good speed and finished in fourteenth place. During a visit to Medemblick

yesterday, Chris Law an-nounced his intention of mounting a Soling campaign for the 1992 Olympics.

1972 Olympics.

RESULTS: Soling world champlonablo:
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(GB). Fourth race: 1, M Bouet (Fr), 470
Meri: Third Race: 1, O Pontheu (Fr).
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Third race: 1, N Britisher (WG). Fourth
race: 1, T Org (USSR). Tomado: Second
race: 1, T Ciewenot (Fr).Third race: 1, A
Hagara (Austrie).

● TOKYO: Chris Dickson, the world match-race champion, won both his races on the first day of the Merit Cup Twelve

Metre regatta yesterday (Reuter reports).
The New Zealander defeated

which will be known next over wight in the Charty season as the Opencast National Shield. Hulme will see a special ist today.

Makoto Namba, of Japan, by a humiliating Imin 4-lsec and outclassed Peter Isler, of the United States, by 35sec.in his communities where amateur will play for them this season.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 8. Chicago Cubs 1: Houston Astros 2. Persburgh Prates 1: Atlanta Braves 7: St Lous Cardinals 2: San Dego Patres 7: New York Mors 0: Priestelpris Philles 12. Los Angeles Diograms 11: Montreal Expos 10. San Francisco Gents

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 3, Toronto Blue Jays 2: Battimore Orvoles 9, Boston Rad Sox 5: Detroit Tigers 8, California Angels 2: Chicago Winte Sox 4, Opidarid A's 1, Kansas City Royals 8, Minescoa Twins 9, Minsulae Browers 6, Cleveland Indians 5; Minsulae Browers 6, Cleveland Indians 5; FOOTBALL

TENNIS Woodforde rolls out of US Open From Barry Wood

IN SCHENECTADY

MARK Woodforde, still on a comeback after injuring his ankle at the Australian Open, has surprisingly sacrificed a chance of qualifying for the US Open to compete in the compar-atively minor OTB Open in Schenectady, New York,
Although the South Australian's world ranking has recovered to 79, the entries for the US Open were decided on the rankings of six weeks ago. By defeating Patrick Kuhnen 6-1, 7-6 to reach the second round. Woodforde cannot contest the US Open qualifying event. "Coming here was a big decision to make and it might backfire on me, but I've been having a bad streak and it was time for me to re-roll the dice."
said Woodforde. "I feel I can go
all the way in this tournament."

BILLIARDS SANGALORE: World championship: Group A: D Meredath (NZ) bt N Patel (India), 1,100-922: P Sheley (Engl b D Ko (Sog), 1,767-648; A Shancava (India) bt P Tarram (Aus), 1,765-1275: M Spootman (Bel) bt K Snsoms (S Lantos), 992-902; (Shandiye and Patel quelify for semi-linesh), Group B: M Kotram (India) bt A Putel (Sing), 1,867-748; S Agarwat (India) bt M Goodwill (Engl.), 1,565-850 (Kothan and Agarwal quelty) for semi-linesh).

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GOLF PORTLAND, Oragon: Fred Blayer Challenge tournement: Final scores: 122: B Washings and L Wadhins, 80, 82: 125: F Couples and L Wadhins, 80, 82: 125: F Couples and L Trevino, 65, 50: G Norman and C Strange, 62. 63, 127: H Irwin and M McCamber, 64, 63: P Acriger and B Crinshew, 61, 66, 128: A Palmer and P Lacobsan, 63, 65, 128: M Poliner and P Stewart, 65, 64, 125: C Studer and J Sandolar, 85, 66, 136: J Mahaliley and H Green, 66, 68, 136: T Westkopf and H Summ, 68, 68, 136: T Westkopf and H Summ, 68, 68, 136: T Westkopf and H Summ, 68, 69, 136: R Floyd and C Beck, 68, 77.

RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH: Brive 13, London Irish 15.

BOWLS COUNTY MATCHES: Hampshire 121, Gloucestershire 108: Northamptonshire 132, Humpngdonshire 120; Surrey 119, Hertipro-

CRICKET MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: St Austelt Cornwall 191-7 dee and 110-0 (E Nicotson 71: Dorset 213-7 dec (R 1 Merriman 77, J A Claughton 50 not out, G R Furse 4-38). Coleyn Bay: Winshire 180 and 8-0; Walks 174 (R Morrs 56 D P Simplans 5-31). RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMP-IONSHIP: Cantarisary. Northamptonisher If Motifs 50 D Portigues 3-31, If Motifs 50 D Portigues 3-31, If April DRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMP-IONSHIP: Castariary: Northemptonsive 371-4 cer IR J Warren 200 hot ou. R R Morrigomens 104). Kent 35-1. Chelmaford: Yorkshire 37-7 dec 158 Berline 80. Chapman 84, Essex 31-1. Cardiff, Glamorgan 366, I Smith 119, S J Devins 84t, Derbyshire 30-2. TOUR MATCHES: Straton-ton-Avon 207-7 (L Dengles 80. P Matthews 70; M Wallaga 4-54), Westor-super-Natra 204-8 (R Turner 5-4; A Hymer 5-79; Wanschmob 241-8 (R Towate 84, Bennett 50), Troighte (Essex) 212 (K Ghanjal 120, K Bennett 50), Troighte (Essex) 212 (K Ghanjal 120, K Bennett 50), Troighte (Essex) 212 (K Ghanjal 120, K Bennett 50), Troighte (Essex) 212 (K Ghanjal 120, Lancing Manor 189-4, Trovebridge 146-9) N Revnotes 5-49), Strethampton 80; Lancing Manor 189-4, Trovebridge 146-9) N Revnotes 5-49, North 15 300-4 dec | R Weston 151 not out, M Vaughan 54, North 15 300-4 dec | R Weston 151 not out, M Vaughan 54, North 16 dec 18 Weston 151 not out, M Vaughan 54, North 16 dec 18 Weston 151 not out, M Vaughan 54, North 173, K Edigeber 55, K Parson 52), North Yorkshire Under-17 145-5.

SQUASH RACKETS SQUASH RACKETS

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SAN MARINO: Mon's tournament: First reund: IF Altur (Sp) or M Boscatto (It), 7-8, 2-6, 7-6. Marina) in Floridogan (It), 7-8, 2-6, 7-6. Marina) in Floridogan (It), 5-3, 6-1. Second round: F Dayln (Arg) bi T 10est (S), 3-6, 6-2, 5-5. R Parian (It) bi F FOREST (IL), New York: WCT Tournament of Champleone: First round: P McError (ILS) bit A Cherhason (ILSSR), 7-6, 7-6; P Sequed (ILS) bit Berron (IUS), 6-4, 6-2; A surryd (Swe) bit J Grabb (IUS), 6-2, 7-4; F Korda (IC2) bit F Tesccher (ILS) than (ILSSR), 7-6, 7-6; T Korda (IC2) bit F Tesccher (ILSSR), 5-2, 5-4, J Sanghez (Sp) bit A Volkov (USSR), 6-2, 7-5; P Korda (IC2) bit F Tesccher 7-8, 7-6; T Martan (IUS) than Williamser (Swe), 0-8, 6-4, 7-5; C van Rendurg (SA) bit D Pare (IUS), 6-3, 7-5; C van Rendurg (SA) bit D Pare (IUS), 6-3, 7-5; C van Rendurg (SA) bit D Pare (IUS), 6-3, 7-5; C van Rendurg (SA) bit D Pare (IUS), 6-3, 7-5; C van Rendurg (SA) bit D Pare (IUS), 6-3, 7-5; C van Rendurg (SA) bit D Pare (IUS), 6-3, 7-5; C van Rendurg (SA) bit D Pare (IUS), 6-3, 7-5; C van Rendurg (SA) bit D

D-2. COMBIACK, New York: Hemiet Challenge Curp: First round: J McEnroe (US) bt N Bornack (Aus), 6-4, 6-1, C-U Steeb (WG) bt U Riglewski (WG), 6-2, 4-5, 5-0.

VOLLEYBALL

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pre-liminary round: Group A (in Pekingh Soum Korsa ti Egypt, 3-0 Group B (Shanghal); Cuba It Telwan, 3-0 Jepan 3. West Germany 1. Group C (Shanghal): Sowel Union bi Netherlands, 3-1: Peru 3, Canada 1 Group D (Shenyang): United States th East Germany, 3-0: Argentina 3, Brazzi 0.

YACHTING

YARMOUTH, tale of Wight: Folkback national characteristics: Fourth race: 1, Gremin () Turingin. 2, Common Sense (R Denaid), 3, Persentike (R Denaid) Fött race: 1, Larkspur (R Thornton), 2, Cofron (R Weiters): 3, Torno: (Thusbard) Oversill: equal 1, Tornic and Common Sense. 15:75pts: 3, Larkspur, 16:75, 4, Persentike, 17:07: 5, Cofron, 19:00.

LAMOUEDOR Parting Carry Netheros 12 change. LLANDUDNO: Burton Cup: National 12 class: 1, W Handerson, 2, S Norbury, 3, L Ross, 4, S Salie; 5, T Oldham; 6, S Adshead, Overell; 1, Henderson; 2, Ross; 3, Salia, 4, Oldham; 5, Handerson: 2. Hoss: 3. Sausa, 4. Comum; 5. Peting TOKYO: Mark Cup 12-metre match-recing regatte: First day: P Girmaur (Aus.) br P Isler (US), 4159C C Dickson (Lapen) bt M Namba (Japan), Timn 44sec: Dickson brigger, 35sec.

Pederson pulls out Jan Pedersen has withdrawn from the Sunbrite world speedway final after sustaining a broken bone in his arm for the second consecutive year.

BOWLS

Wymondham pair survive close calls to take title

By GORDON ALLAN

years, won the Woolwich the pairs championship at Worthing yesterday, beating Colin Harman and Paul Cater, of West 15, of a chance to become the youngest national champion. In the other semi-final, two Eddie Bell and Malcolm Wade. Wymondham scored five shots on the first end and three

shots on the first end and three on the second, and seemed to have events under control, with Ottaway leading with his usual nagging accuracy and Guy Showing phlegmatic skill at skip.

But Harman and Cater. in their first year in county competitions, fought their way back, and although they were always in arrears, the result was in doubt to the last end. Ottaway placed two bowls close to the jack on the 21st end and West Ealing just failed in his attempt to shift them.

Guy won the semi-final RESULTS: Pake: Semi-finals: C Harman and Foster (Wysnondham Deil) 20, R and M Guy 19, Harman and Cater 15.

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JOHN Ottaway and Roger Guy. game. At 19-18, and facing a of Wymondham Dell, who have match lie against him, he split been playing together for six the head, the jack running years, won the Woolwich EBA through to one of his bowls. It pairs championship at Worthing deprived Robert Newman, aged

counts of four, on the 12th and 14th ends, gave Harman and Cater the edge over Geoff Roll and John George.

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Steve Redgrave (rowing).

The radio show, part of Radio

record requests, birthday greet-

Children the goal for Olympic club

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE British Olympic Association (BOA) yesterday launched a club for youngsters interested in the Games with a target Olympic gold medal winners. in the Games with a target membership of 50,000 by 1992. Scan Kerly (hockey). Duncan Goodhew (swimming) and The club, the only one of its kind in the world, is a joint venture between the BOA and BBC Radio 5 and will have its 5's forthcoming network de-voted to sport, education and

own radio show on Saturday mornings for members. For £2 a year, members, aged from seven to 14, will receive a children's programmes, will be hosted by Mark Curry. It will give members priority for starter pack with wall charts, membership card, a quarterly membership card, a quarterly newsletter and the opportunity ings and the chance to interview to take part in a series of activities round the country. The British Young Olympics club will be funded at a cost of more than £100.000 by the BOA's Education Trust.

The first members, known as "Olly-mpians", after the club's mascot, "Olly the Otter", were enrolled yesterday at the Westminster Children's Sports

YACHTING

From ROGER LEAN VERCOE

IN MEDEMBLICK

THE NETHERLANDS

IN BRIEF

Tabb finds | ISCA land speed to sponsor ISCA, one of the leading clubs in close gap

the first division of the Poundstretcher national hockey league, will begin the new season in October with a £25,000 sponsorship package from the South-Western Electricity

Board (Sydney Friskin writes). The club has asked Exeter city council to help instal an artificial turf pitch in Exeter. The to Isca for home matches is at Ottery St Mary.

Shock defeat

Forest Hills, New York (Reuter) - Mats Wilander, the former world No. 1, of Sweden, was beaten in the first round of the Tournament of Champions tennis tournamentby the unseeded amateur, Todd Martin, of the United States, 6-0, 4-6, 5-7.

Random work A computer will make a random

choice to determine the make-up of the 12 mixed 12-a-side tion Internationale d'Intercrosse fourth world games starting at the University of Kent. Canterbury, today. Pierre Filion, secretary of the Federa-tion, secretary of the Federa-tion, secretary of the Federacrosse game as a means of promoting lacrosse by excluding national rivalries.

Dittmar wins

Singapore (Reuter) - Chris Dittmar, the No. 2 seed, from Ditmar, the No. 2 seed, from Australia, reached the quarter-finals of the Singapore Open squash championships by beating Del Harris, of England, 10-15, 15-13, 15-9, 10-15, 15-9, Lisa Opie, of England, the No. 1 women's seed, beat Mah Li Lian, of Singapore, 15-5, 15-4, 15-9, to advance to the quarter-finals

Ritchie waits

Tucson, Arizona (AP) — Mcg Ritchie, from Scotland, the University of Arizona strength coach, is awaiting a court ruling to allow her to apply for permanent residency after the expiry of her specialist work

Ford return

Ford make a long-awaited return to the World rally champ-ionship on the 1.000 Lakes rally in Finland today with a quartet of four-wheel drive Sierra

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Latest score: an English Test match ground will submit to a new form of commercial intrusion today with the outfield at the Oval being marked with sponsors' logos for the final Cornhill Test between England and India. They measure eight metres by three and will be positioned roughly 30 yards behind the stumps at each end of the ground.

of pace for M

By Alan Lee CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IF ANYONE still believes nothing ever changes in the Test cricket. game of cricket, he should come to The Oval teday and see an English West Indian fast bowler charge in with glittering new stand behind him, gaudy commercial logo head groundsman, is conon the grass in front of him. fident that it will be dry and and the opposition quoted at true, which gives it a head 8-1 to upset Granam Gooch's start on all too many, but also model army.

On and off the field, this has been a year of staggering progress for England. The game is making money, even if some of the means raise an eyebrow or two, and the national team, nightmares of the recent past evidently forgotten, is actually making something of a habit of winning matches.

Today, in the final Cornhill Test of the season, they have hostile as anyone in the world. the ideal showcase. The setcorner of south Lendon can decorating of the towering blunted by a sequence of dull,

new stand is actually completed in time, and the vitch will be the first this summer to meet the basic requirements of

Last weekend's downpour has restored a hint of greenness to the arid Oval outfield but has had no great effect on the pitch. Harry Brind, the relatively quick and bouncy, news which Devon Malcolm has been awaiting all summer.

Way back in May, during the season's first round of one day internationals. Malcolm bowled as fast and aggressive a spell as I have seen from an England bowler in years. According to John Wright. New Zealand's captain, who was on the receiving end, Malcolm that day was as

It today's pitch is comting will be as ratzy as this parable. England start with an appreciable advantage. Malever have provided, always colm can yent the frustrations assuming yesterday's frantic of a man whose edge has been

slow pitches, on Indian batsmen whose recent relationships with genuine pace have been brief and acrimonious.

In the Caribbean last year India lost three consecutive Tests by margins of eight wickets, 217 runs and seven wickets, with largely the same batsmen they have here. To say they did not acquit themselves staunchly would be doing them a kindness and, if England's ship has been holed in similar storms more than once, it is now they who have the heavy artillery.

Malcolm has taken only five expensive wickets in the first two games of this series and has not looked at his happiest. Micky Stewart, the team manager, is confident that the problems have been resolved: There were times at Lord's when he was struggling to find his rhythm. We have worked on that, with the help of videos, and he is in a better frame of mind now. He obviously has an important part to play here, because he is much the quickest bowler in the

match. It seems possible that England will opt to play all four of their seam bowlers, giving a debut to Middlesex's Neil Williams and relying on the novice leg spin of Michael Atherton for variety. It is a debatable policy, but one to which the Indians are adding a little support by proposing to include a third seamer, Atul Wasson, instead of their sec-

ond leg spinner, Anil Kumble. Whatever England decide, it will be with nothing other than the current match in mind, which seems to scupper the notion that John Morris

Today's teams at the Oval

Gooch, who now needs a further 90 runs in this match to overtake Don Bradman's record of 974 for an English Test summer, or Robin Smith,

might be promoted in the currently averaging 297 in this batting order so that the series. It is not the making of selectors can see him in more than a walk-on part before England's main concern here. they have to chose the party to go to Australia.

Any mention of Australia esterday was met by a classical straight bat from Stewart, who insisted: "The first and foremost thing is to win this Test match and this series. Australia will be looked at entirely separately because it will be a different sort of cricket. Nobody is on trial in Had he been within earshot,

David Gower might have smiled whimsically at that remark, for although Stewart refused to be drawn on the issue, Gower is demonstrably on trial for his tour place. The Saturday. strain of scrutiny on a talent

glorious in its unpredictability was just beginning to tell last No such problems affect

runs which is likely to be

One area on which they worked especially hard yesterday was the spacing and understanding of their slip fielders. Allan Lamb will continue at first slip despite having failed to move a muscle for two recent chances, but a slightly changed formation will be used. If Malcolm gets it right, there will be no scope for sloppiness in the slips; the match could depend

● More than 5,000 tickets remain for the first day's play today but Friday is already sold out and only a few dozen tickets are still available for

Australian influx Fulham will be reinforced by the arrival of four Australian rugby league players next month. Tim Dwyer, Greg Manthey and Shaun Mohr, who are backs, and Mark Lee, a forward, will join Dave Cruikshank, the former South Sydney half back

Leeds facing expulsion if fans misbehave LEEDS United, newly pro- have liked them to have put

moted to the first division, face expulsion from the Football League and all Football Association competitions if res outlined yesterday by the FA to curb the hooligan behaviour of some of their followers fail.

Leeds will be forced to play four consecutive home matches behind closed doors should their "supporters" be found guilty this season of a repetition of the kind of violence which caused havoc in Bournemouth on May 5 before and after a second division match.

The FA, announcing its findings at the completion of an inquiry into the rioting, warned that if that punishment was not enough to deter the hooligan element then the FA would apply the "ultimate dented withdrawal of FA membership and by definition their right to play in the League as well as all FA

competitions. Following the Govern-ment's failure to implement a national membership card scheme, it will want to see evidence of football putting its bouse in order. But while the FA may believe that they have been seen to be doing just that in dealing with a club, who, ironically operate a membership card scheme, Bournemouth regarded their action as no more than "a slap on the

"Leeds have got off lightly and they know it," Jim Nolan, the Bournemouth chairman, said. "The town of Bournemouth was ransacked and mugged for four days.

Leeds spent £4m on play-

10 per cent of that into a Bournemouth council fund so that it could have been distributed among those people who had property damaged by their fans or who lost business as a result of damage." There were nearly 150 arrests at the Bank holiday match, 50 injuries and £40,000 worth of

Dorset police, however, at least appeared to be satisfied with the sanctions. Alan Rose. the assistant chief constable, said: "in football terms, they appear to be wide-ranging and could have serious consequences for Leeds United."
West Yorkshire police described the decision as a suspended sentence.

Leslie Silver, the Leeds chairman, saw the FA's decision as a warning to "fans". He said: "We endorse that warning and are very pleased that the club was not criticised. But I don't think the threats are fair. We accept the principle of what the FA are saying but don't like the implications.

"I don't know what more we can do sbort of blocking off the MI and I am concerned that some people may see this as an opportunity to cause trouble for Leeds and get the ground closed."

The FA's findings wer accepted by the League, which was criticised by the FA for not heeding the warning of the police about staging the Bournemouth-Leeds game on a bank holiday weekend. This season's fixtures, which have avoided Bank holiday matches at seaside resorts, have been compiled in close ers this summer and I would liason with the police.

Robson suffers another setback

By Ian Ross

BRYAN Robson's misery at highly-rated Oldham Athletic having to undergo a second operation on his troublesome left ankle was compounded vesterday with the news that tion at Goodison Park this he is likely to miss the opening morning and if he is given a

season. The captain of Manchester ficially ratified at lunchtime. United and England underhe had hoped to be in a position to resume playing after the changing rooms and within five weeks.

However, the specialist who operated on Robson has insisted that his ankle be immobilised in plaster for at Ferguson, the United manager, is aware that a full recovery will not now be achieved until mid-November left it running. at the earliest.

This latest setback will serve to fuel speculation that Robson's England career is finally

The patience of Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, was finally rewarded yesterday when he completed the sign-

midfield player.

Milligan will undergo a statutory medical examinamillion transfer will be of-

Vandalism resulted in a went corrective surgery on a flood at Highbury, the home damaged Achilles tendon in a of Arsenal, yesterday. London clinic on Tuesday but Thouands of gallons of water were pumped away by firemen lower tier of the East Stand in

Avenell Road were flooded. While club officials assessed the extent of the damage. police began an investigation least four weeks and Alex into the incident. It is believed that vandals climbed over a wall, broke into the stand, turned on a fire hydrant and

 Steve Sutton, Nottingham Forest's unsettled goalkeeper, has been told by Brian Clough he will not play for the club again unless he signs a new contract (Chris Moore writes). "I cannot afford to start the. new season with a goalkeeper who is not under contract," ing of Mike Milligan, the the Forest manager said.

Essex aiming to maintain surge

By RICHARD STREETON

ESSEX, who have at least one game in hand over all their main rivals, meet Derbyshire at Derby today as they try to

Essex were third from the bottom of the table, but six wins in nine matches, including three in the last four, have left them unexpected favourites for a title they last

In Gooch's absence, with England, Pringle hopes to be able to return to lead Essex, rale could be low after the result. deduction of 25 points for

MIDDLESEX (played 18. 211 points): Glamorgan (Edgbaston). Sept 18: v Lantoday: v Yorkshire (at Neadingley). Sept 12: v Suzrey (the Oval). Sept 18: v Sussex (Hove). **Aug 29: v Kent (Bourna (Hove). *

If we've got all

the questions,

who's got all

the answers?

square are long-standing ones following a back injury, and Essex will not mind that against opponents whose mo- the odds must be on a definite

HOW THEY STAND

at Derby today as they try to continue their remarkable late surge for the Britannic Assurance county championship and its £40.000 prize-money.

In the second week of July.

Essex were third from the

providing an unsuitable pitch. Derbyshire are expected to include Bishop, the West Indian, in place of Kuiper, the South African. They will obviously have done their best to provide a more suitable surface but the problems on their

With the majority of the

cashire (Old Trailtord).

HAMPSHIRE (18, 192): Today: v Surrey (Soutnampton). *Aug 29: v Kent (Bournemouth). Sept 7: v Glamorgan (Pontypridd). Sept 18: v Gloucesterstine (Southampton).

LANCASHIRE (19, 187): *Aug 29: v Surrey (Blackpool). Sept 18: v Notinighamshire (Tremt Bridge). Sept 18: v Warwickshire (Old Trafford).

* denotes three-day match; all others four-day.

day games, it will be interesting to see if there is a reversion to the mammoth scoring of April and May. A few weeks ago, Middlesex seemed to be cruising to the championship. They now

remaining fixtures now four-

stand only two points clear of Essex at the top, and Tuesday's defeat at Derby was

They badly need to regain the momentum which comes with winning when they play Yorkshire at Headingley today, but will be handicapped by the absence of Fraser and Williams, who are on Test match duty for England against India at the Oval.

Warwickshire, the thirdplaced side, are away to Worcestershire, who expect the reappearance of Neale, their captain, after a thigh operation. Hampshire, who play Surrey, are still in contention in fourth place.

Lancashire, who are fifth, have played at least one more match than those ahead of them. Unless the weather intervenes, by disrupting their preceded by five successive rivals yet sparing them, they

Y orkshire sever **Bairstow links**

By Martin Searby

DAVID Bairstow, the York- Exiles against the county side longest-serving player who made his debut at Park Avenue, Bradford, in June 1970. Only Trevor Jesty and

David Hughes, of Lancashire, and Eddie Hemmings, of Nottinghamshire, have been longer in the first-class game and the fortunes of Bairstow, aged 39 on September 1, contrast starkly with those of

On that day the Lancashire captain will lead his side out at

shire wicketkeeper, will not be in the Scarborough Festival, offered another contract by Bairstow, who is in a testimothe county, thus ending a 20-nial year, is Yorkshire's most year association with their successful wicket-keeper-batsman, three times completing 1,000 runs in a season and scoring 900. His 1,036 county victims put him third behind David Hunter (1,190) and Jimmy Binks (1,044), but neither made anything like his 12.485 runs.

Bairstow played for England in four Tests, against India, 1979, West Indies in 1980, in the Centenary Test against Australia the same year and the third Test of the West Lord's in the final of the Indian tour the following win-NatWest Trophy, while Bair- ter. He played in 21 limited

Wattana confirms his preparedness From a Correspondent in Hong Kong

JAMES Wattana, aged 20, last next year, now meets Welsh-

season enjoyed a remarkable first year on the professional circuit earning more than £60,000 and finishing 32nd in the rankings. Yesterday the young That confirmed that he is ready to make an even bigger impact on the world snooker stage.

Wattana, in only 90 min-utes, brushed aside the challenge of Terry Griffiths, one of the game's most experienced players, to win 5-0 in the first round of the 555 World Series Challenge here in Hong Kong. Twelve months ago Wattana, full of enthusiasm,

semi final of the Asian Open in his native Bangkok. But their second meeting was thought by many to be a much closer affair. Neither player enjoyed the 10am start but it was Wattana who was first into his stride with a break of 81 and out-

classed Griffiths, the world

destroyed Griffiths 5-0 in the

No. 6. simply could not keep pace with the potting skills of his opponent. A disappointed Griffiths said: "I know that I've just got off the plane from England but there is no reason to play as badly as that. I felt okay but in the end I couldn't pot a ball,"

man Doug Mountjoy in the quarter-final tomorrow. He said: "Terry just did not play well because he could not make a 20 break." Two Grimsby professionals

- Mike Hallett and Dean

Revnolds - moved confidently into the quarter finals with easy successes over local opposition. Reynolds thrashed the Hong Kong champion, Kenny Kwok, 5-0, while Hallett eased to a 5-1 victory aganst Franky Chan. the island's only professional.

RESULTS: First round: J Wattana (Thal) bt T Griffiths (Wales), 5-0 Frame Scores (Wattana Irst): 88-1, 75-42, 70-23, 76-18, 56-49, D Reynolds (Eng) bt K kwok (Hk), 5-0 Frame Scores (Reynolds first): 62-32, 74-27, 58-23, 68-58, 74-18, M Hallett (Eng) to F Chan (HK), 5-1, Frame scores (Hallett first): 75-23, 15-94, 72-16, 63-16, 63-53, 76-56.

Help sought

Manchester's lobby to host the 1996 Olympics, Robert Scott, asked Moroccan officials here vesterday to support his campaign, and offered to help Morocco's bid to hold the 1998 football World Cup. The International Olympic Committee meets in Japan next month to choose a venue from among Manchester, Athens, Wattana, who is on course Atlanta, Melbourne, Belgrade to move into the top sixteen and Toronto,

Leonard moves to Harlequins By PETER BALL leave clubs like ourselves? It is pressure from the Harlequins for a year to join them; that is what makes us sick. We have

THE England prop forward, Jason Leonard, the most successful newcomer on the recent tour of Argentina is leaving Saracens to join Harlequins.

Leonard, at the age of 21 considered potentially the finest loose-head prop in the country, has attended training at Harlequins and is listed to accompany them to Cornwall this weekend on a pre-season

crucial to their prospects as a rules. But Heggadon says: force in first division rugby, last night talked of "poaching" by senior clubs. Saracens president-elect. John Heggadon, said: "I am

Saracens, angry and dis-

tressed at the loss of a player

had a player who desperately wants to play for England but has been told by certain influential people associated with England that to facilitate that, he would have to go to

"What it amounts to is harassment and intimidation and I have to say I don't like the way English rugby is going. Saracens alleged that inducements have been offered to the player, albeit within the

who were perfectly happy at their clubs disillusions us. "It means that all the hard work and effort put into

"This acquisition of players

time the Rugby Union said openly whether it wants an elite of about six clubs in the country for its England play-ers. That appears to be happening in London, for Harlequins and Wasps seem to enjoy a privileged position.

Saracens believe Hariesuaded Leonard during the Argentine tour. Their ire has been stoked by the fact that

affair. Leonard has been under waste of time. Where does this successful season in the top reinforce my England place."

players. It is very discouraging for us to have theis sort of thing happening by what

really is poaching."
The Harlequins' director of coaching, Mike Davis, denied the club had acted improperly, saying: "Players talk amongemselves especially on tours and in an amaleur sport quins' internationals per- anyone can play for which ever club they want."

Leonard cited the calibre of players at Harlequins as the the loss of Leonard comes main reason for his move. "Ionly 12 months after Wasps' shall be in the company recruited the Saracens B inter- capable of teaching me everynational. Dean Ryan. His thing about international move was a bitter disappoint-rugby," he said. "I have been ment to Southgate officials. asked to go there for two years
Heggadon said: "We are and never had much intention bound to ask what is the game of doing so. But the taste of heading towards if a first-international rugby has convery saddened by the whole developing good players is a division club which has a vinced me this can help me

Elliott provides role model for Cram

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT PETER Elliott has offered a pen talk to one of the five athletes he categorises as his main rivals to win the European 1,500 metres title in Split next week. Steve Cram, the mile world record holder whose fitness for a championship is under question, should take encouragement, Ellion said, from his example.

Ellion's supreme form in

May, when he was the fastest

800 and 1,500 metres runner

chest infection, a calf strain tance of the world's largest bell. Elliott gave the impression that when the little track-side one in Split sounds on Saturday week he will be the athlete with the most left

His time of 3min 34.12sec was proof, after the limited evidence of a 3:55.51 mile at Gateshead on Friday, that he !

in the world, was wrecked is fighting fit. Cram, too, has as the ones he must watch, through June and July by a had his problems; calf, Achil- "Two weeks ago I did les, gastro-enteritis. Instead of and a knee injury. Here on racing he has opted for train-racing this week in his final preparation for Split Cram's 3:35.98 in Grosseto, Italy, last week is the only public statecontender. Elliott has not Phélippeau and Neil Horsfield

think I would be going to the Europeans, but it is amazing what a week in athletics can bring," Elliott said, "Last week I trained hard on Monday and Wednesday and raced ment that he may be a on Friday and I feel good again. I know people have got their doubts about Steve, but. discounted him, though, list-ing Cram, Jens-Peter Herold, if he can keep training there is Gennaro. Di. Napoli, Hervé no reason why he can't be in

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